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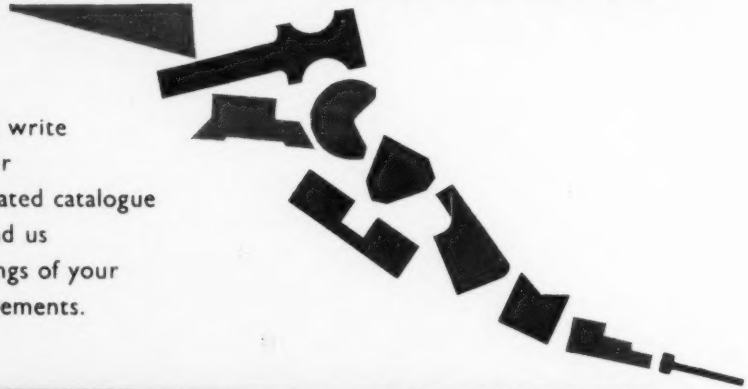

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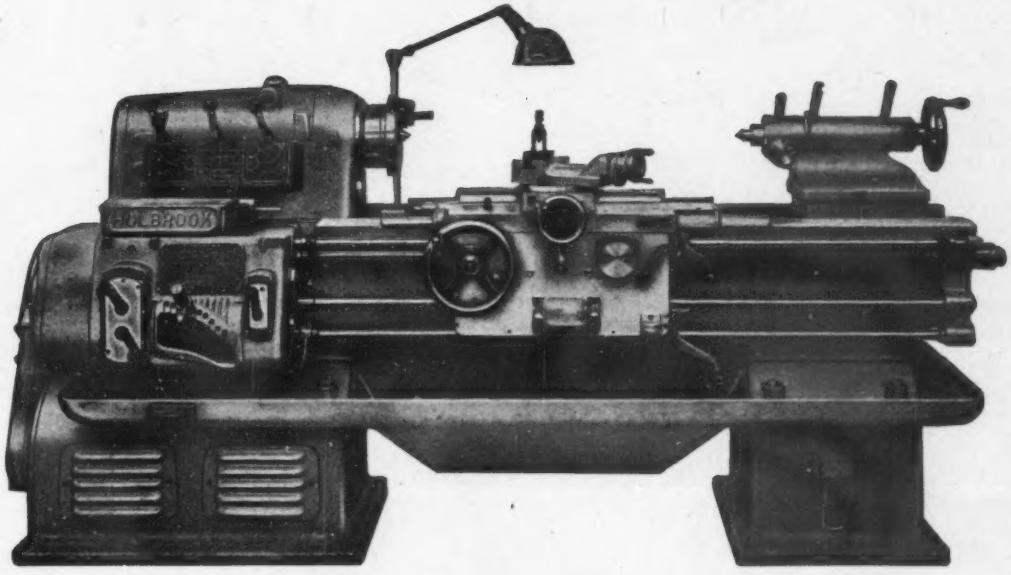

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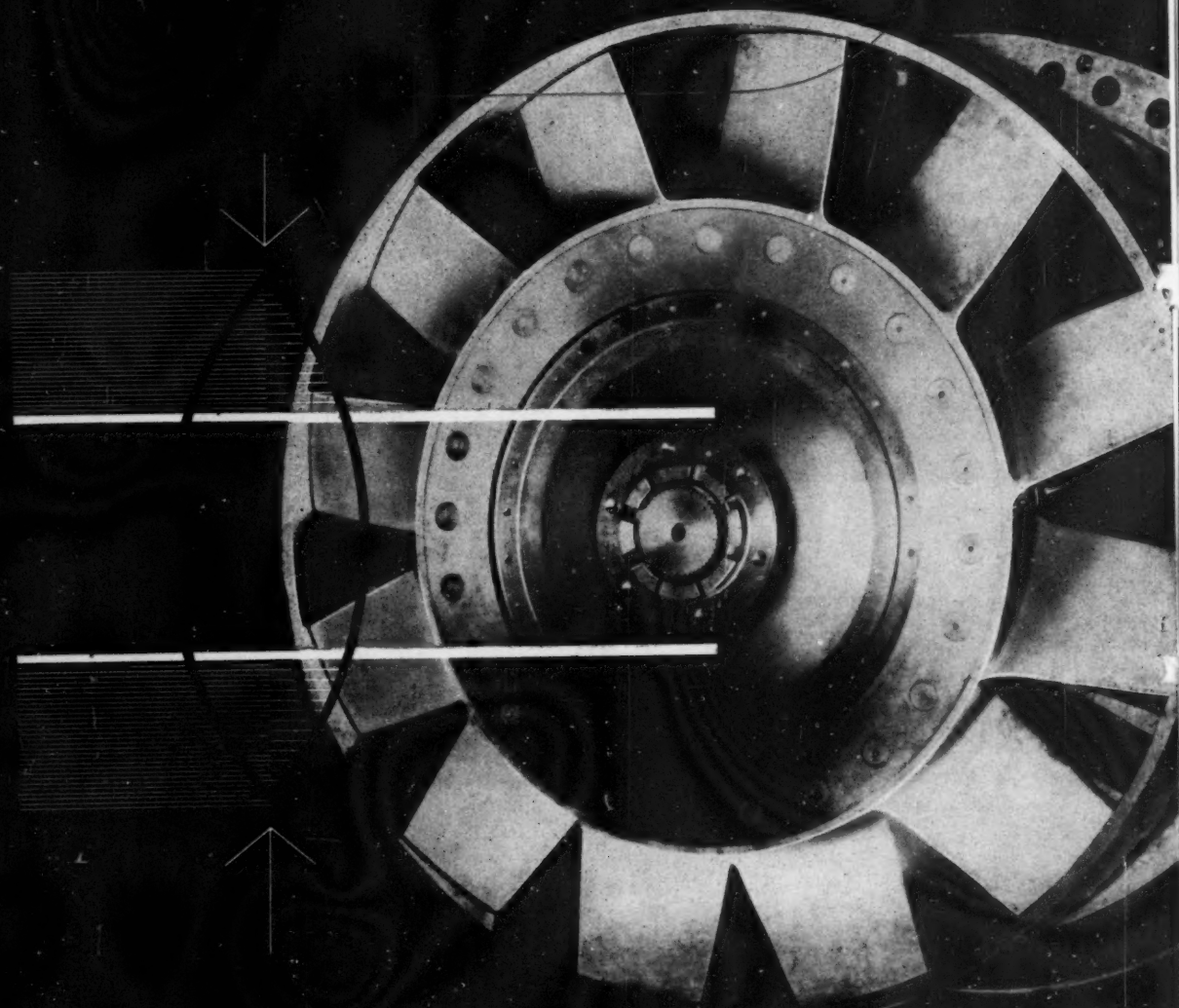

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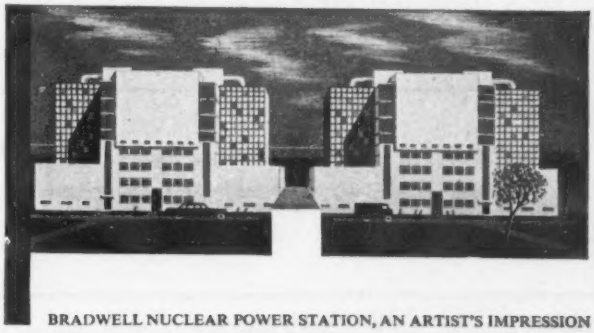

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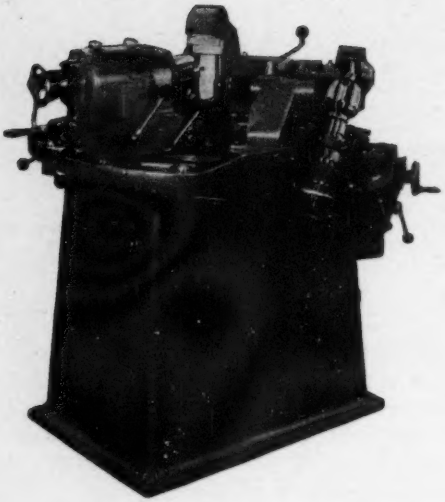

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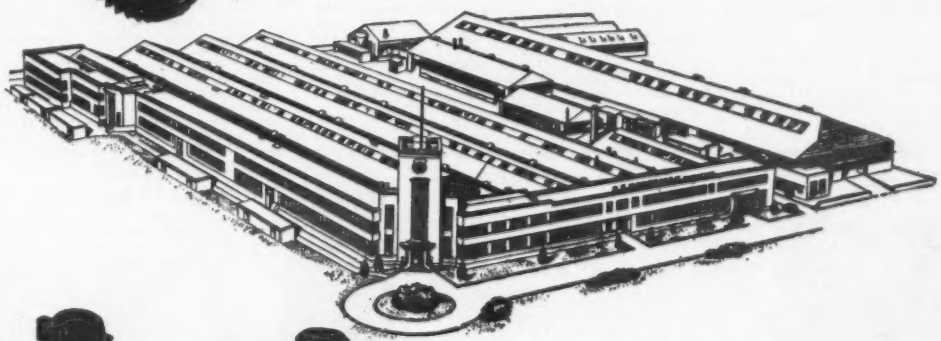

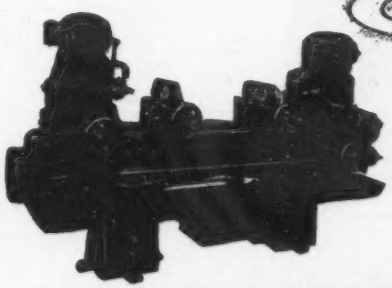

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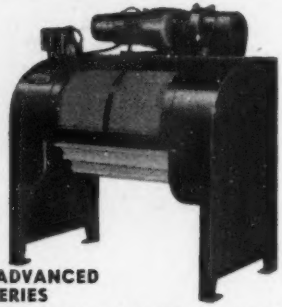

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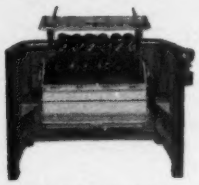

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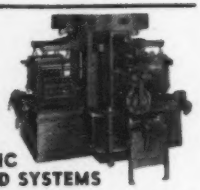

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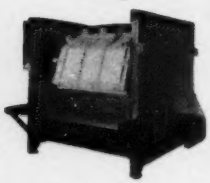

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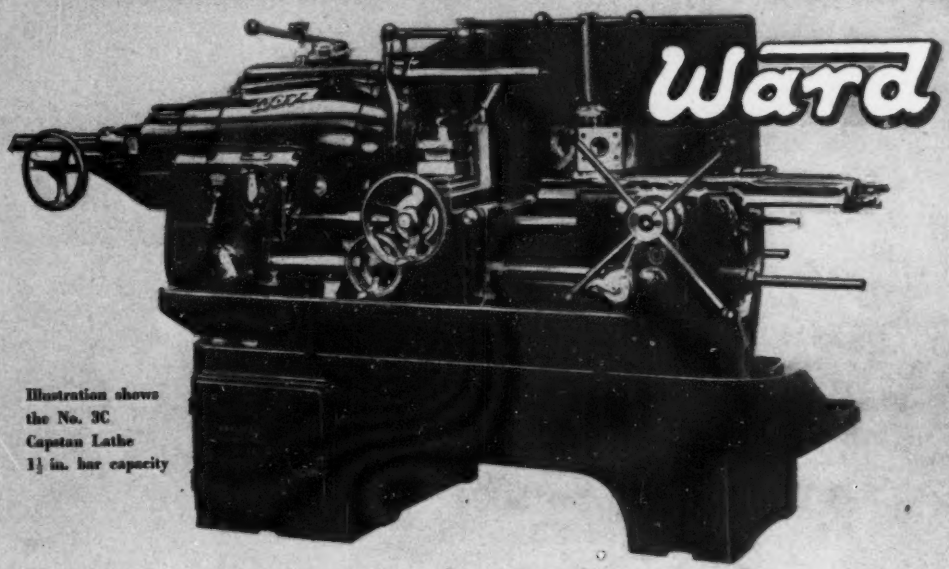

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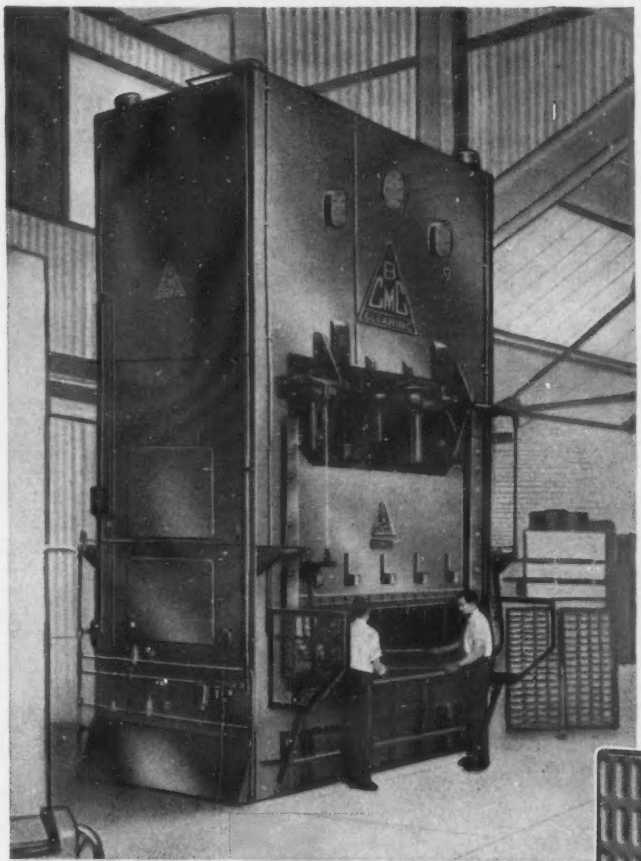

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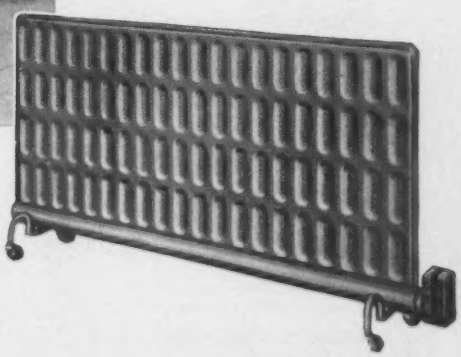

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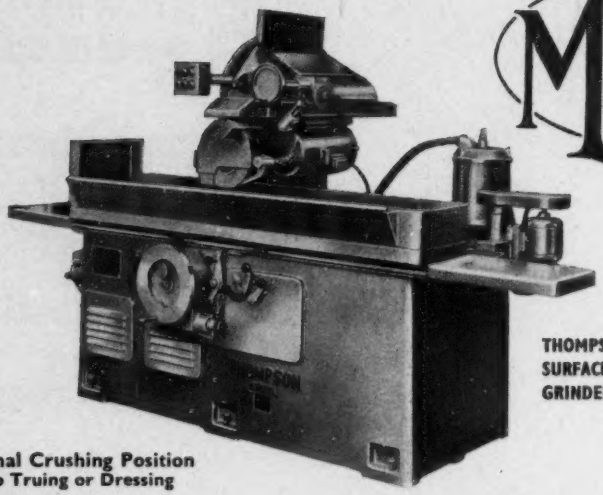

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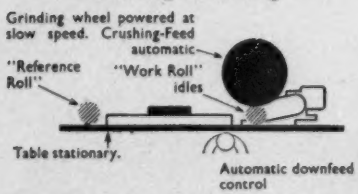

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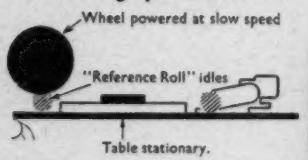

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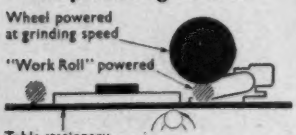

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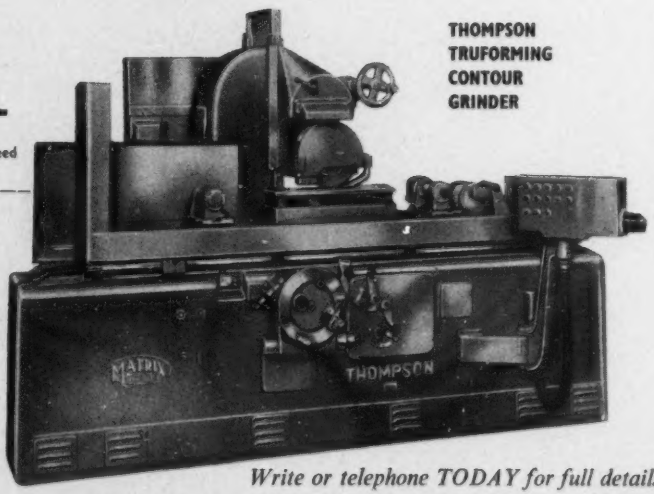

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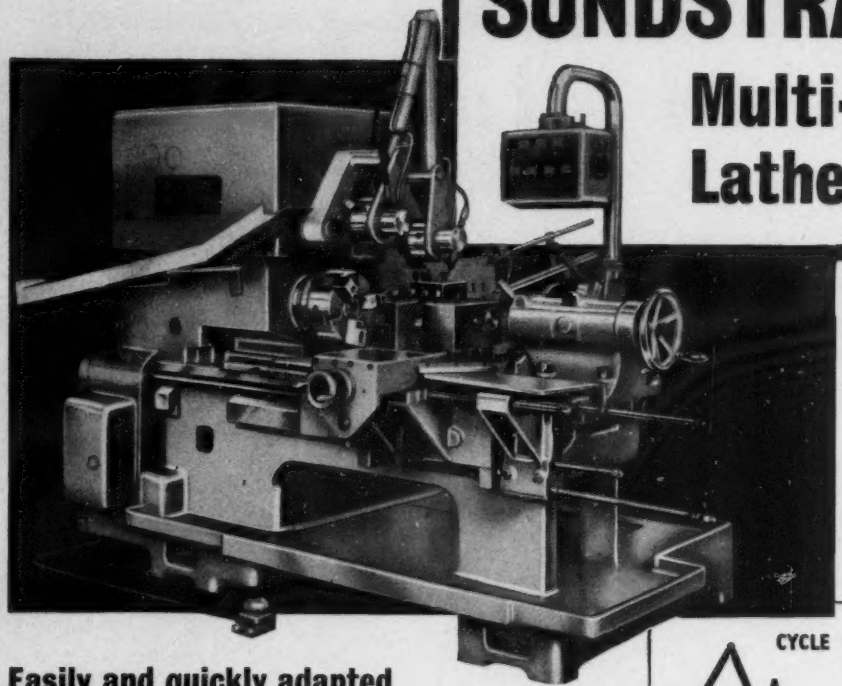

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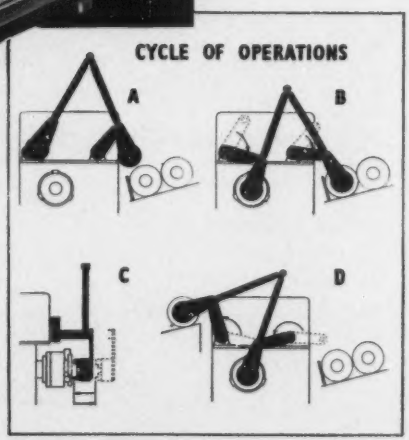

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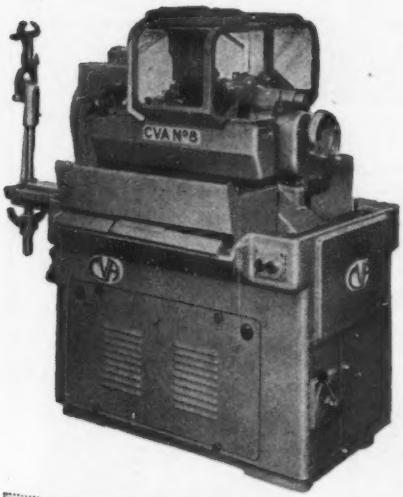

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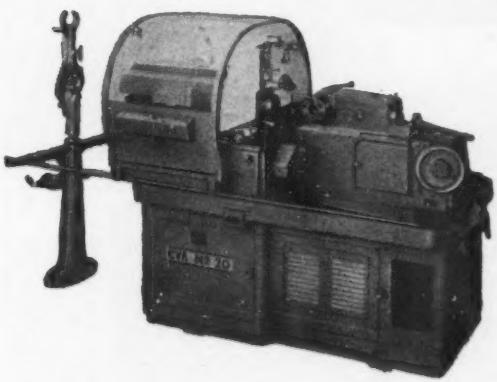

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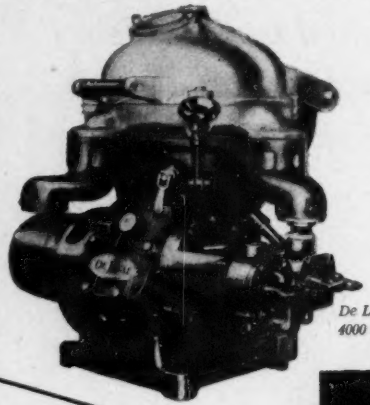

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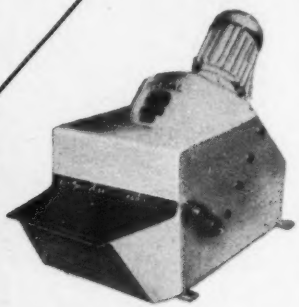

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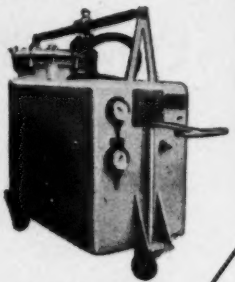

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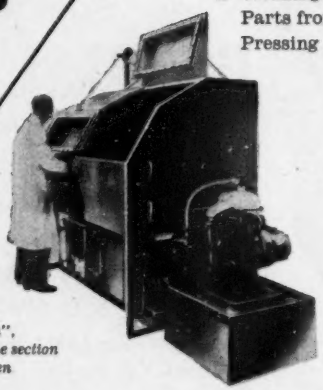

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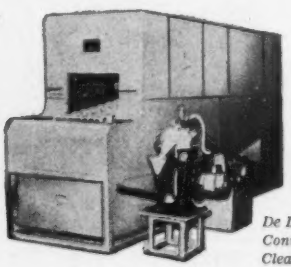

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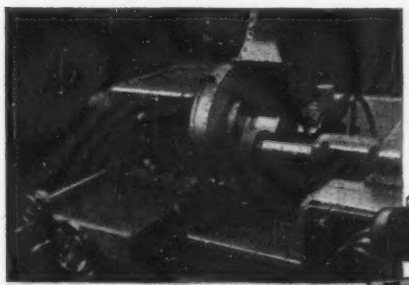

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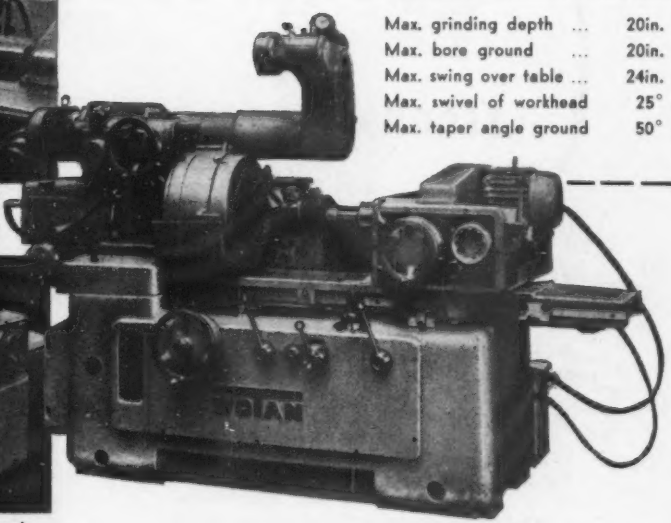

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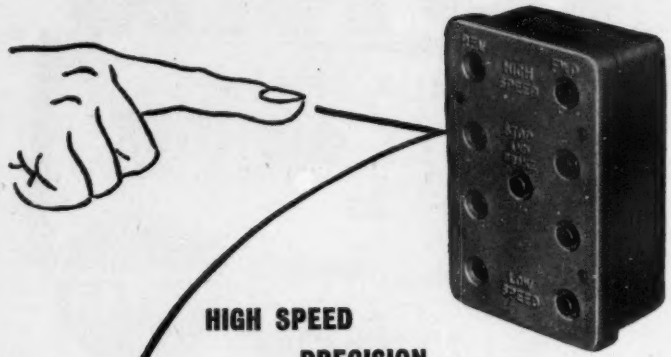

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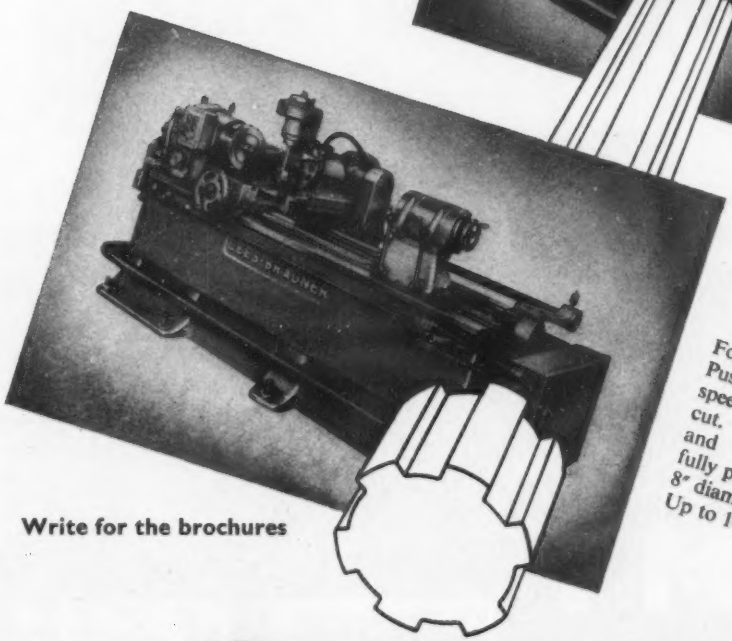

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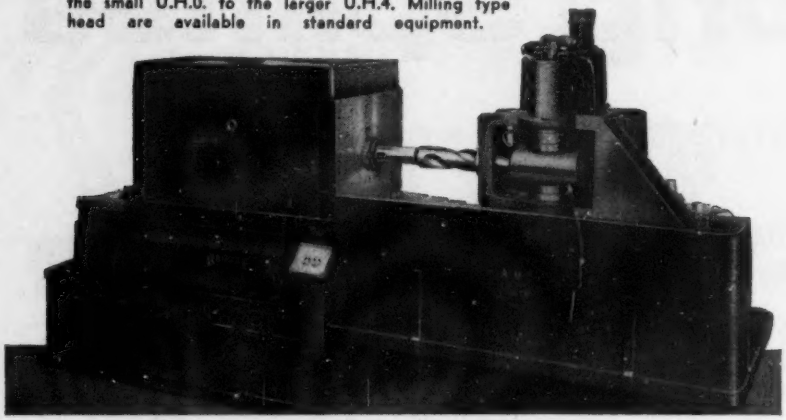

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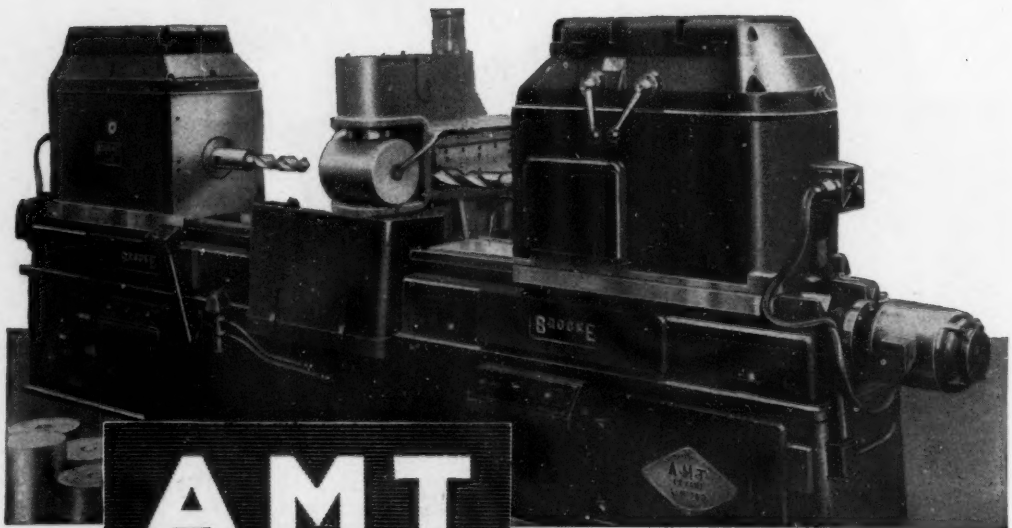

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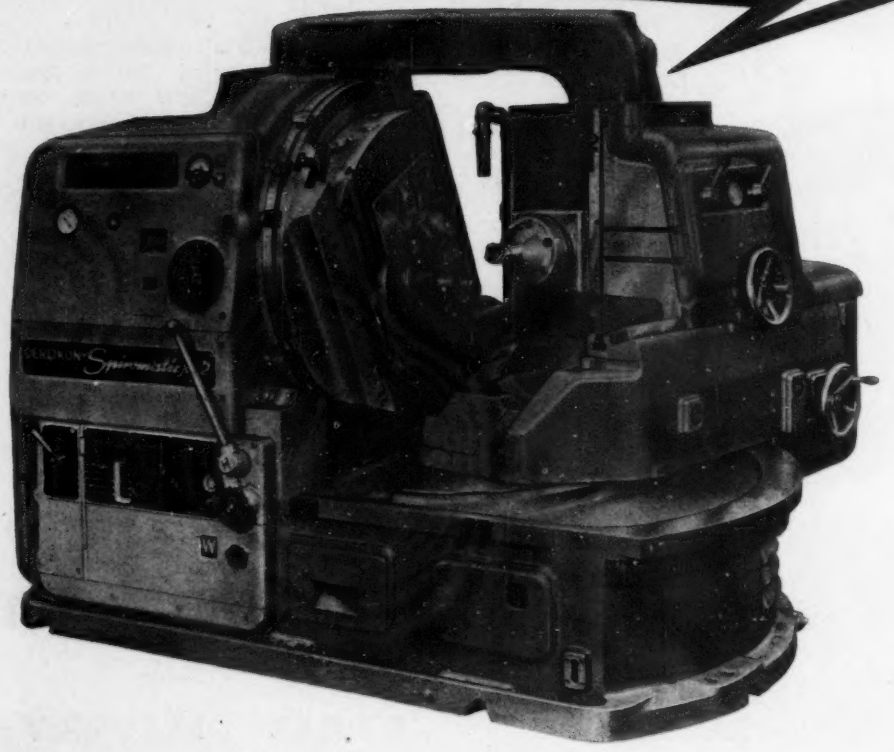

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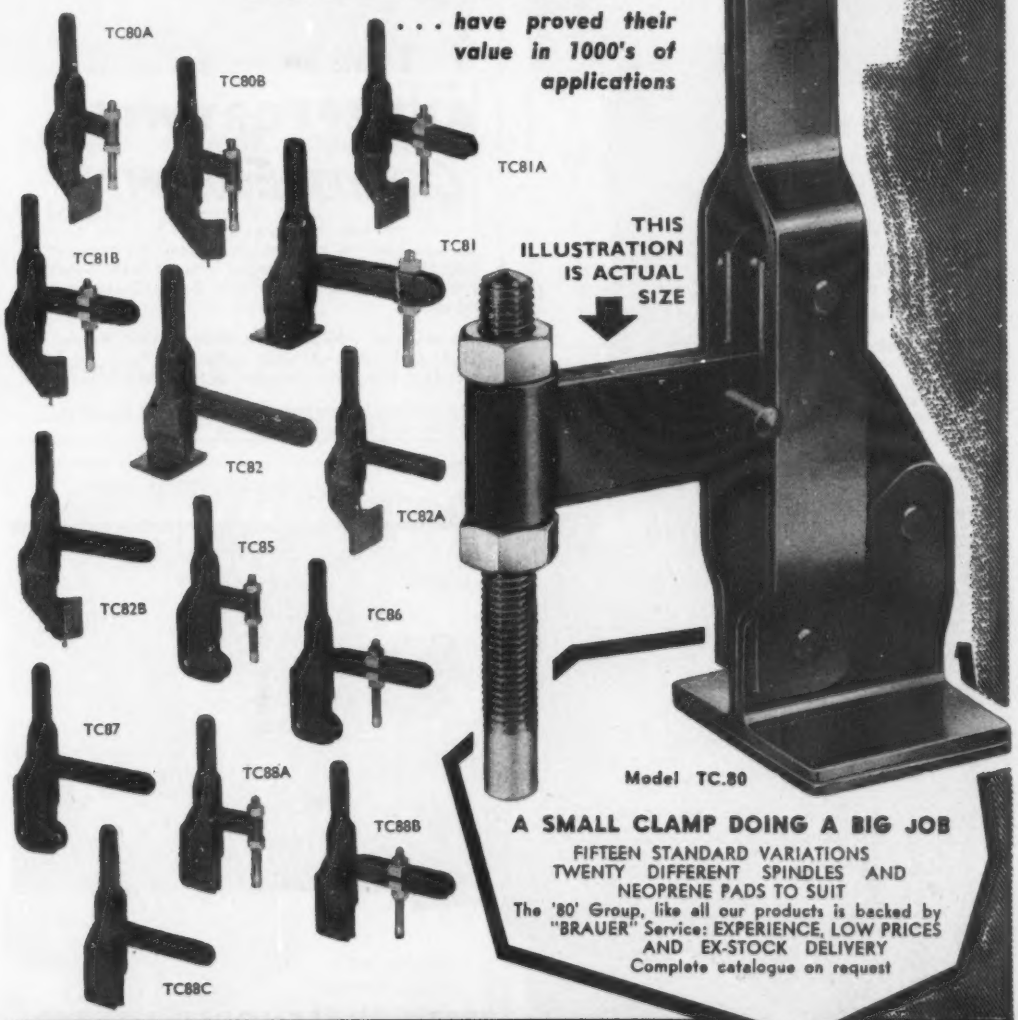

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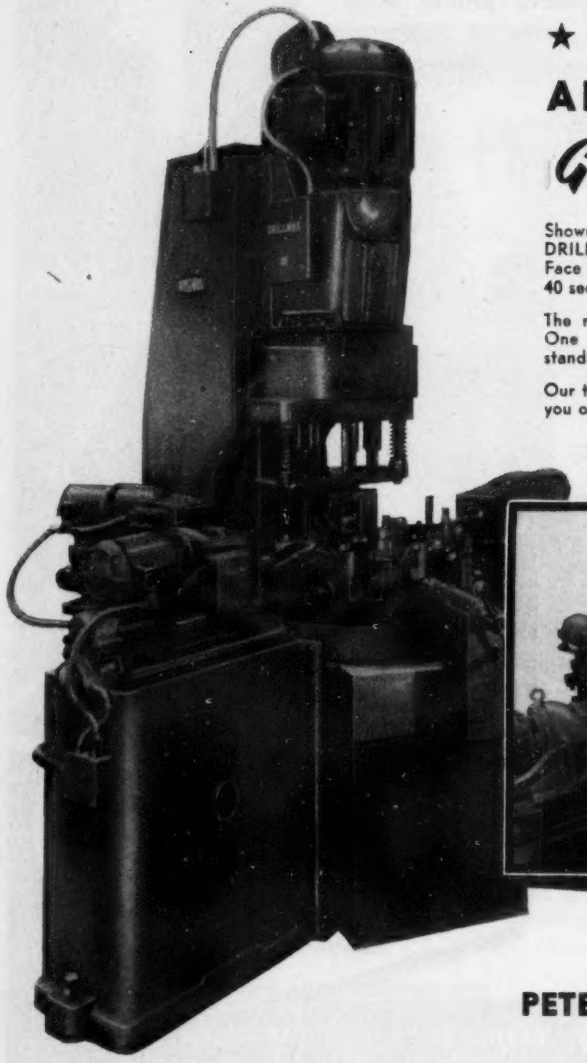

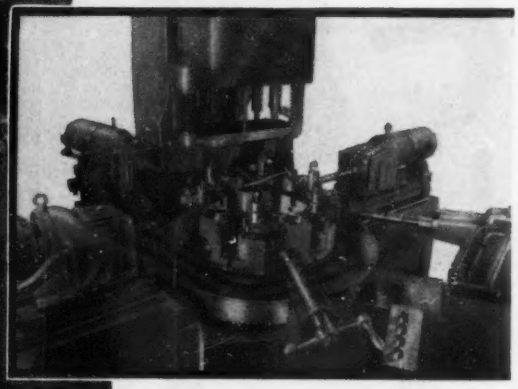

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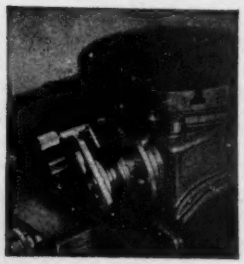

Close-up showing dividing attachment on rotary table

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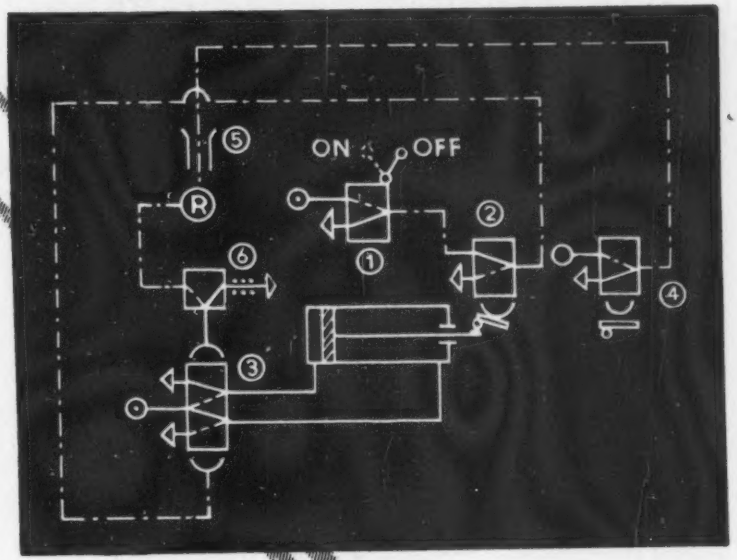

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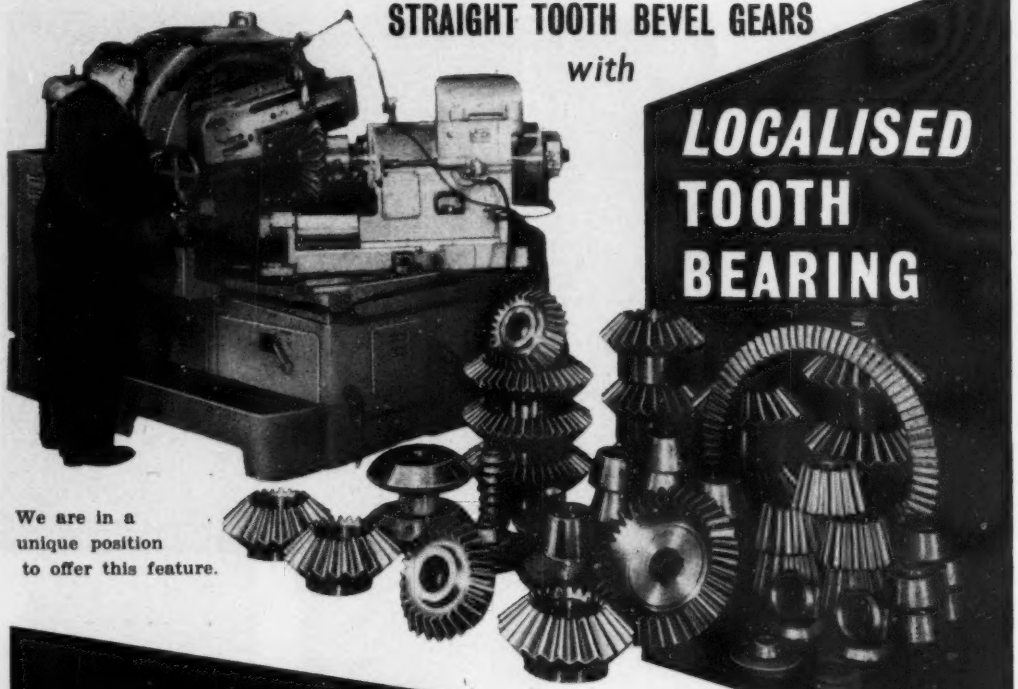

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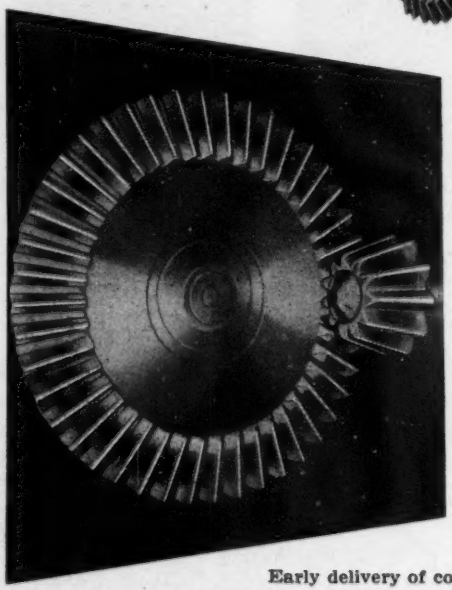

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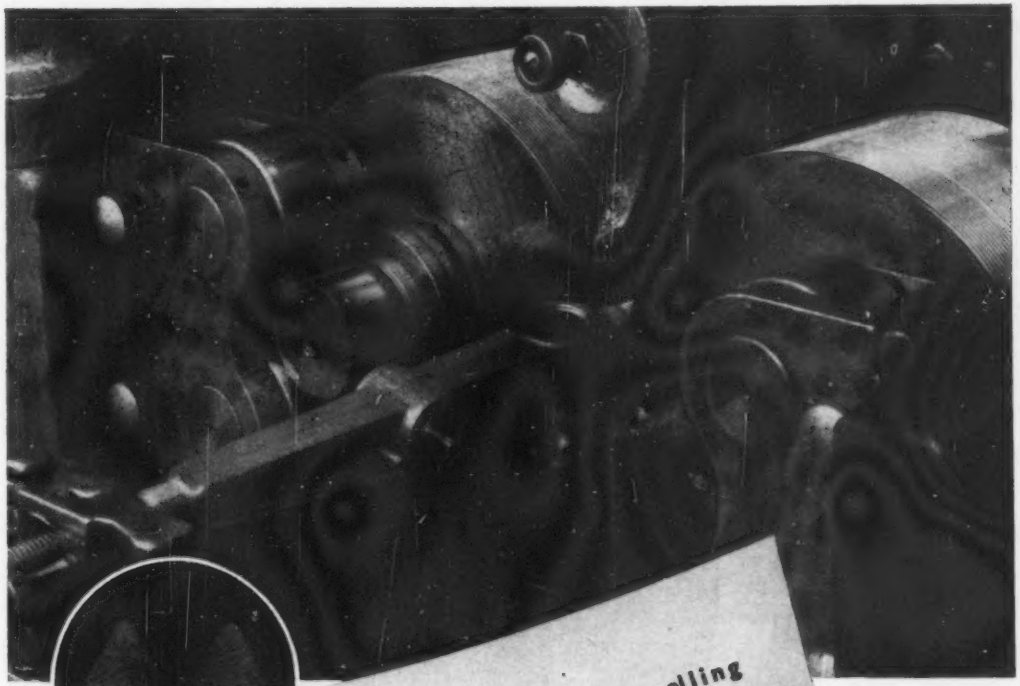

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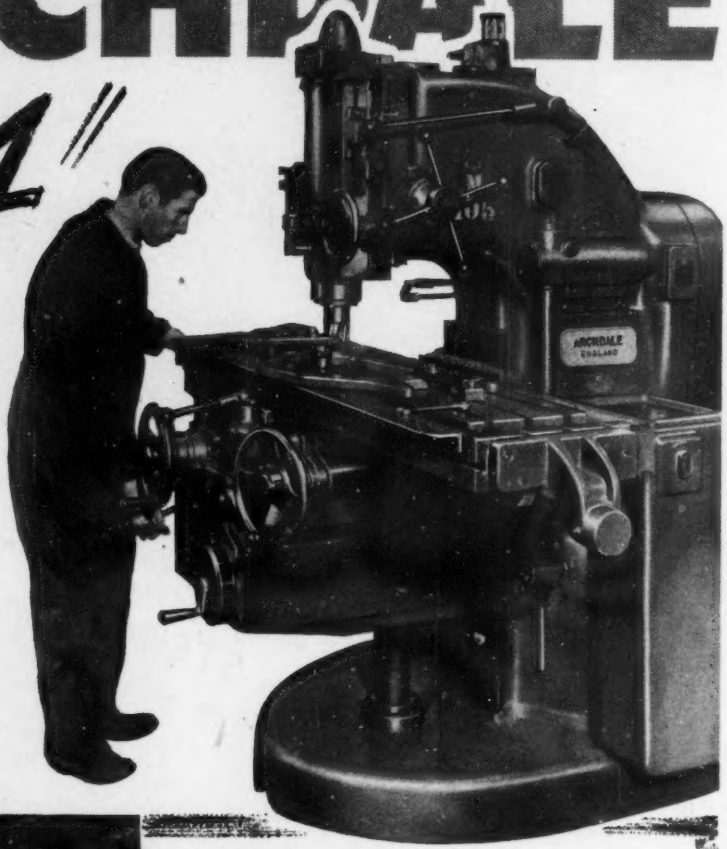

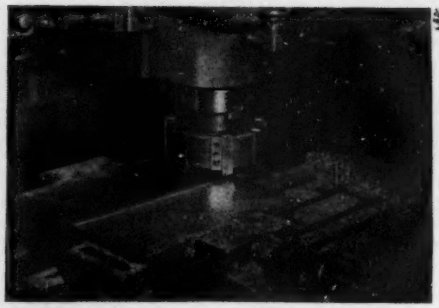

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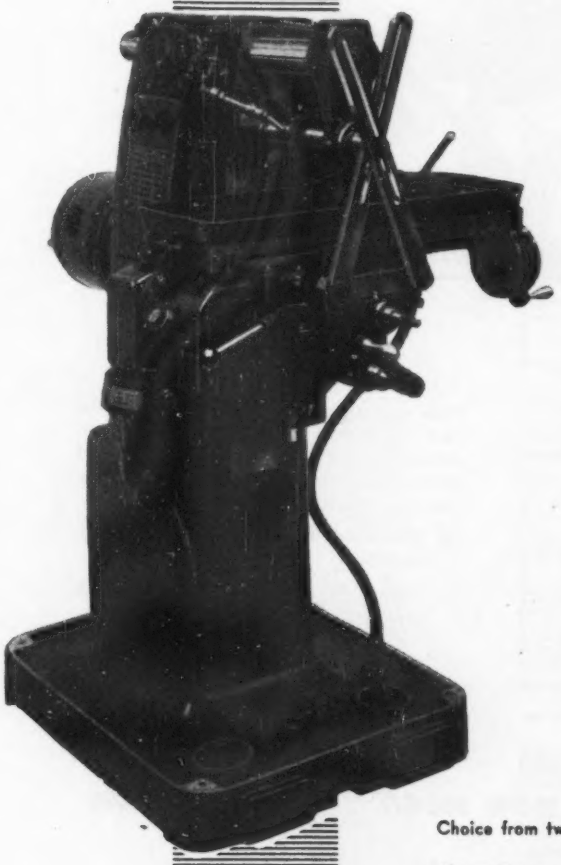

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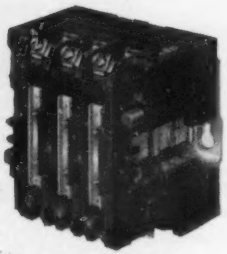

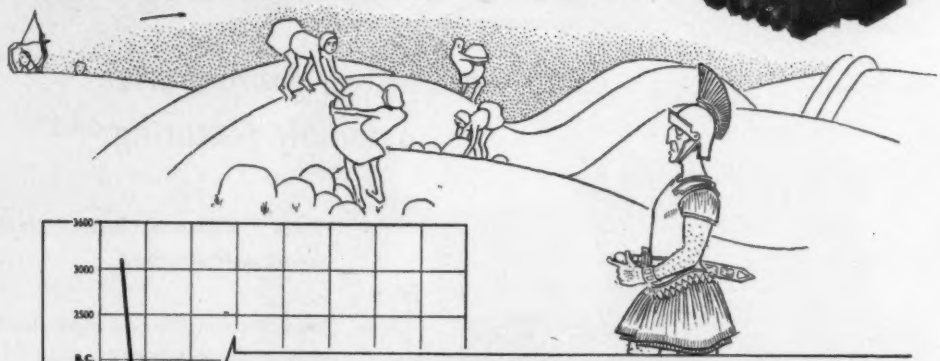

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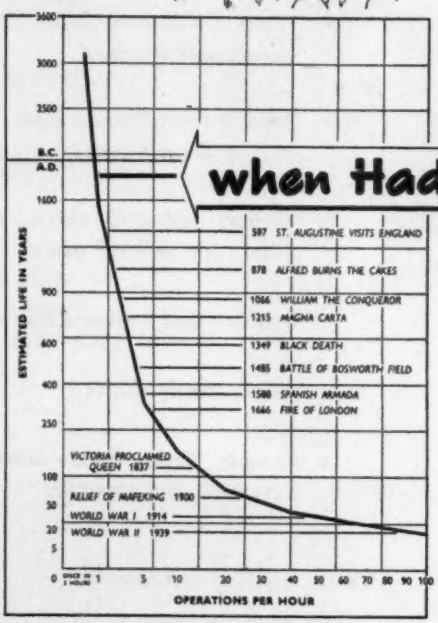

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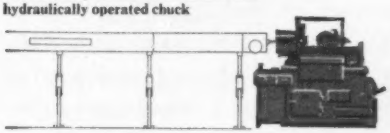

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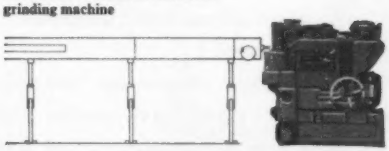

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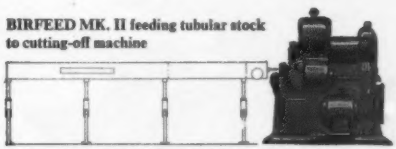

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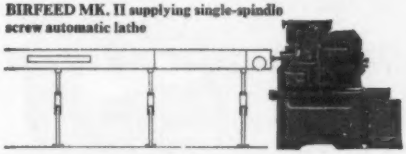

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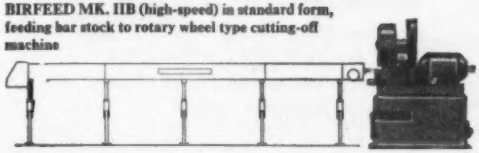

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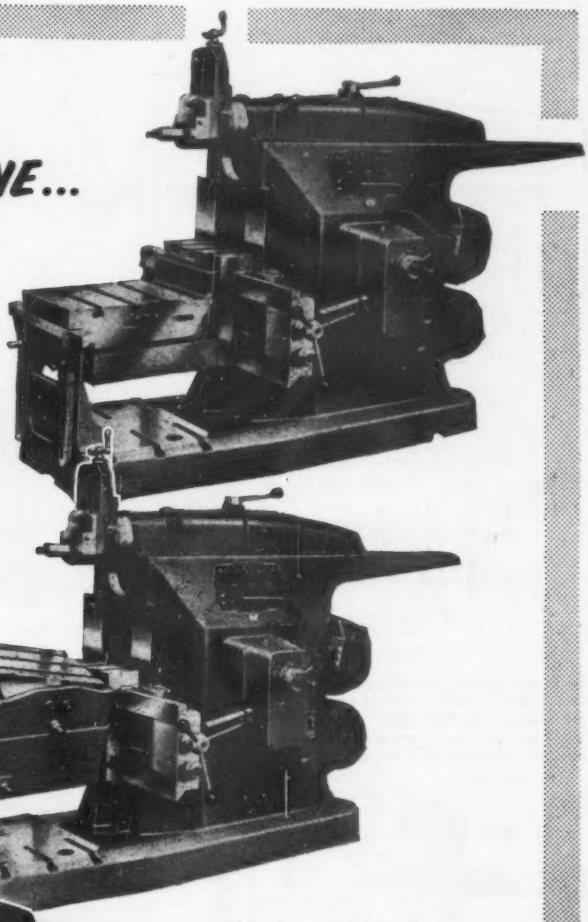

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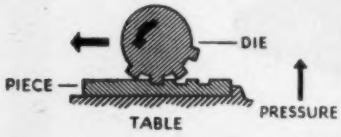

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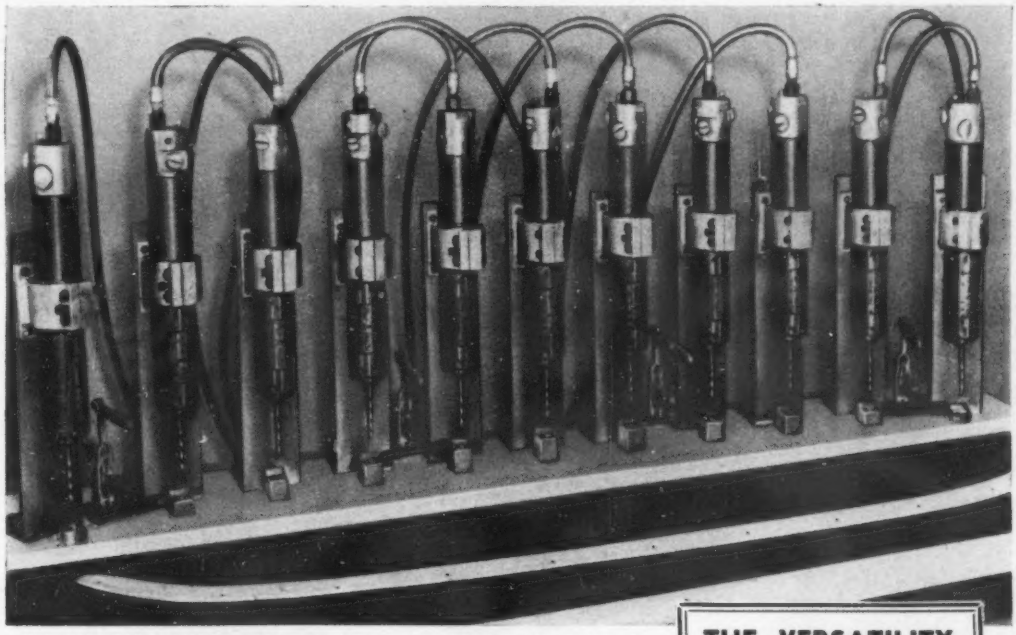

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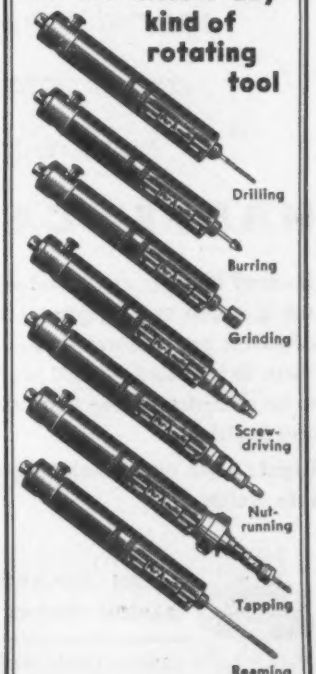

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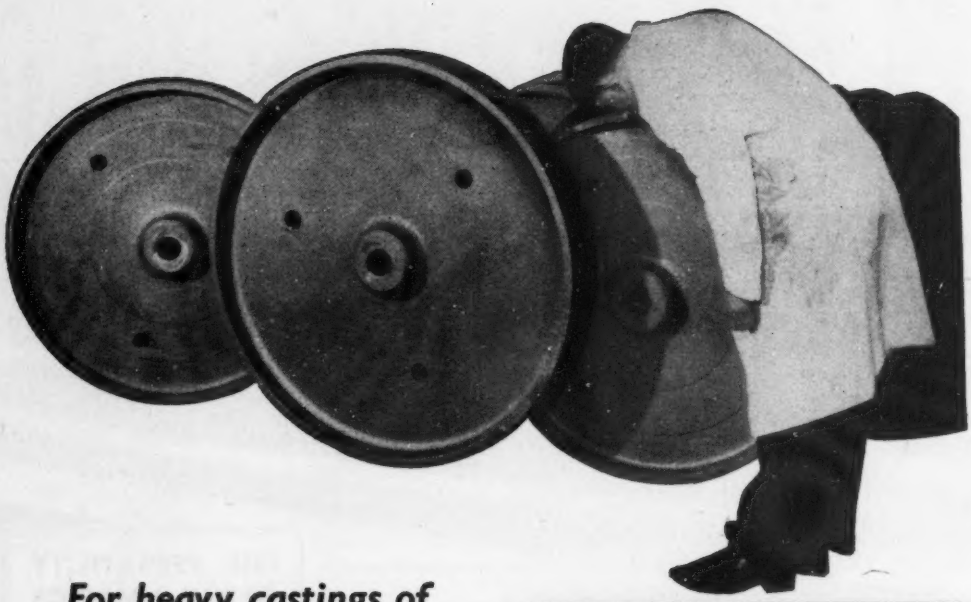

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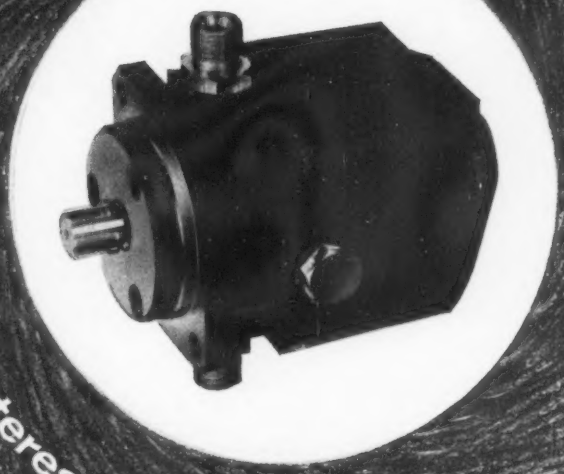

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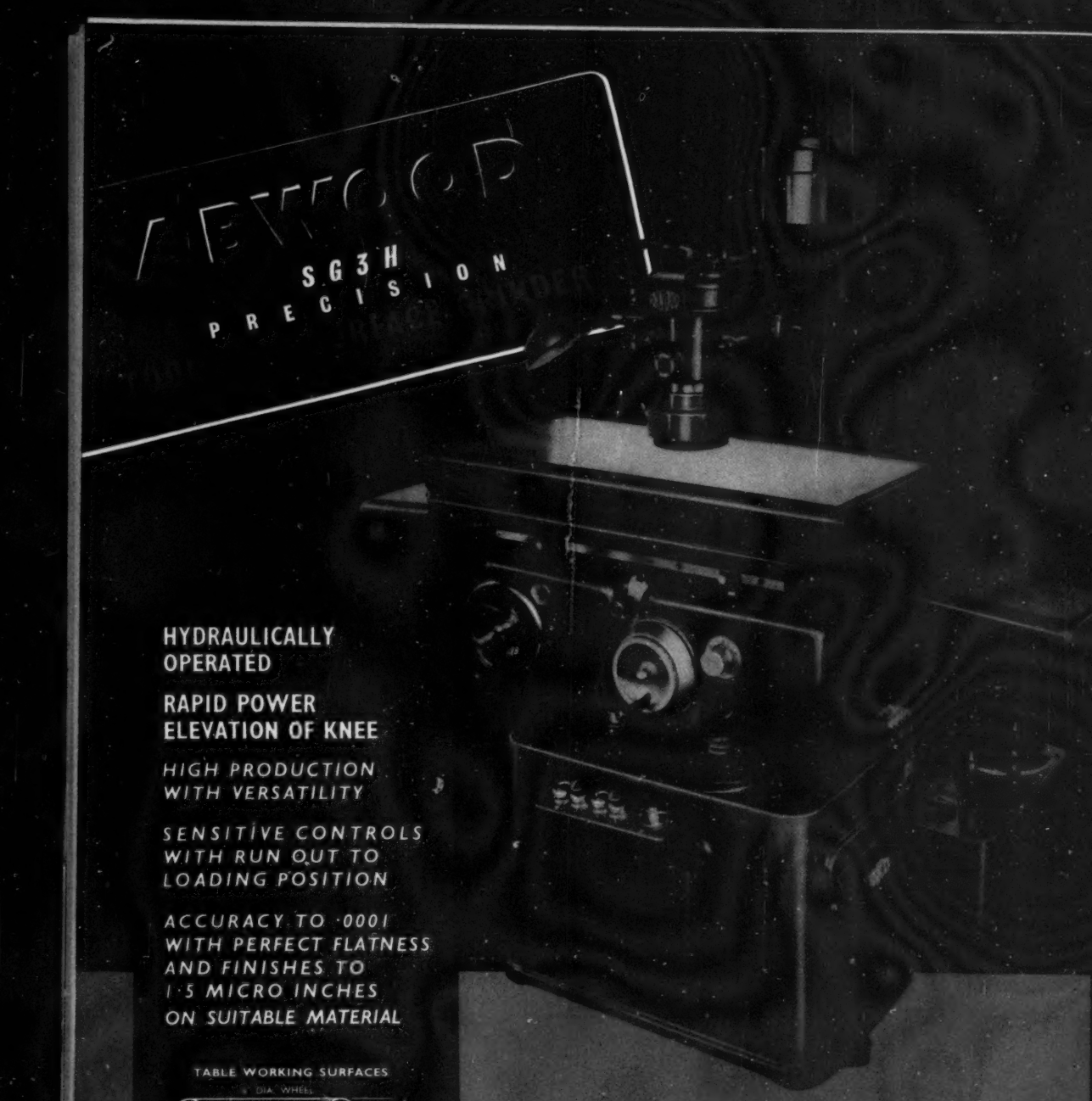

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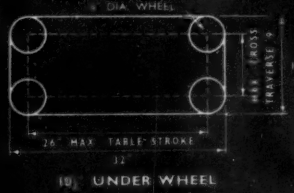

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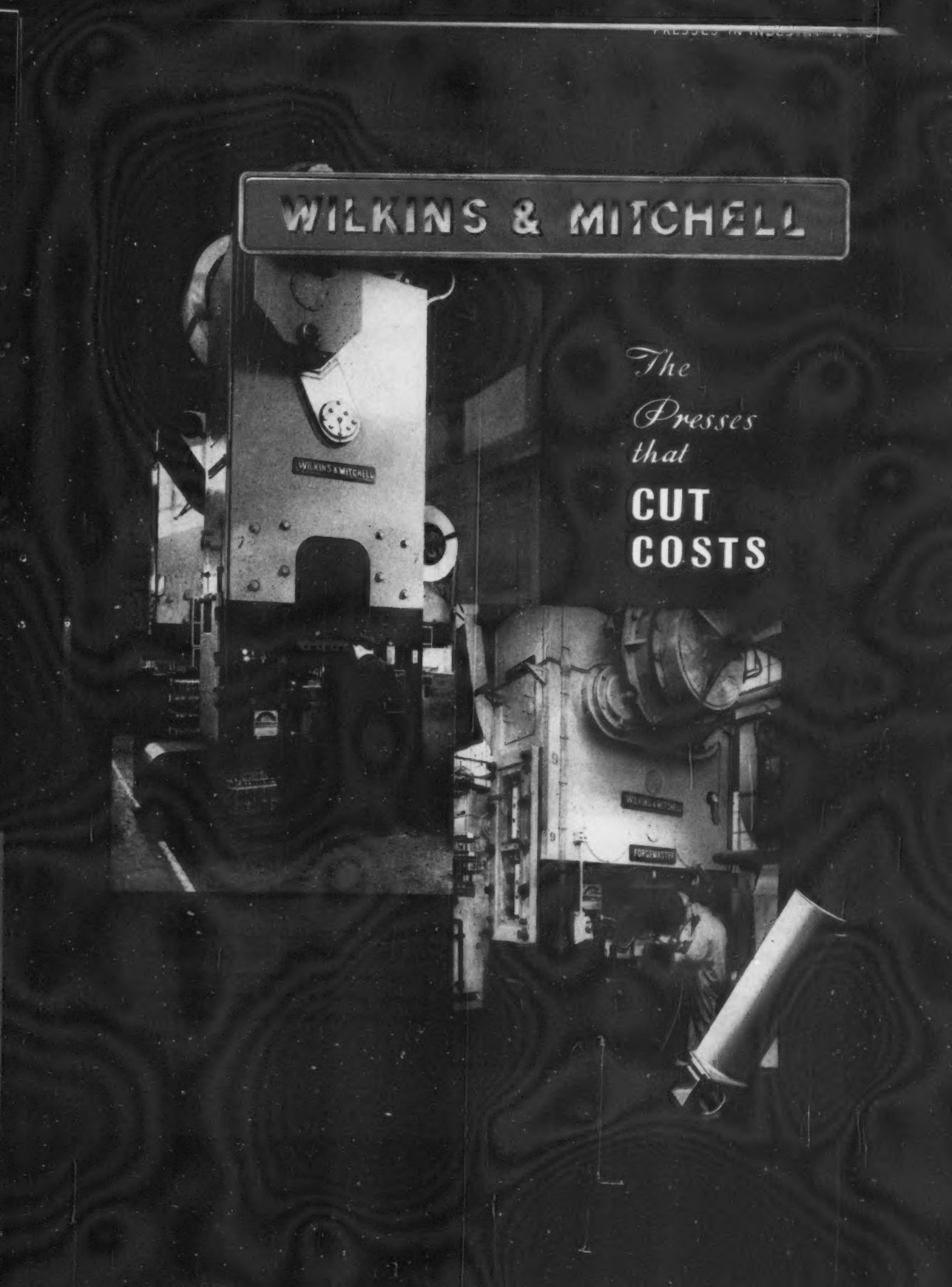
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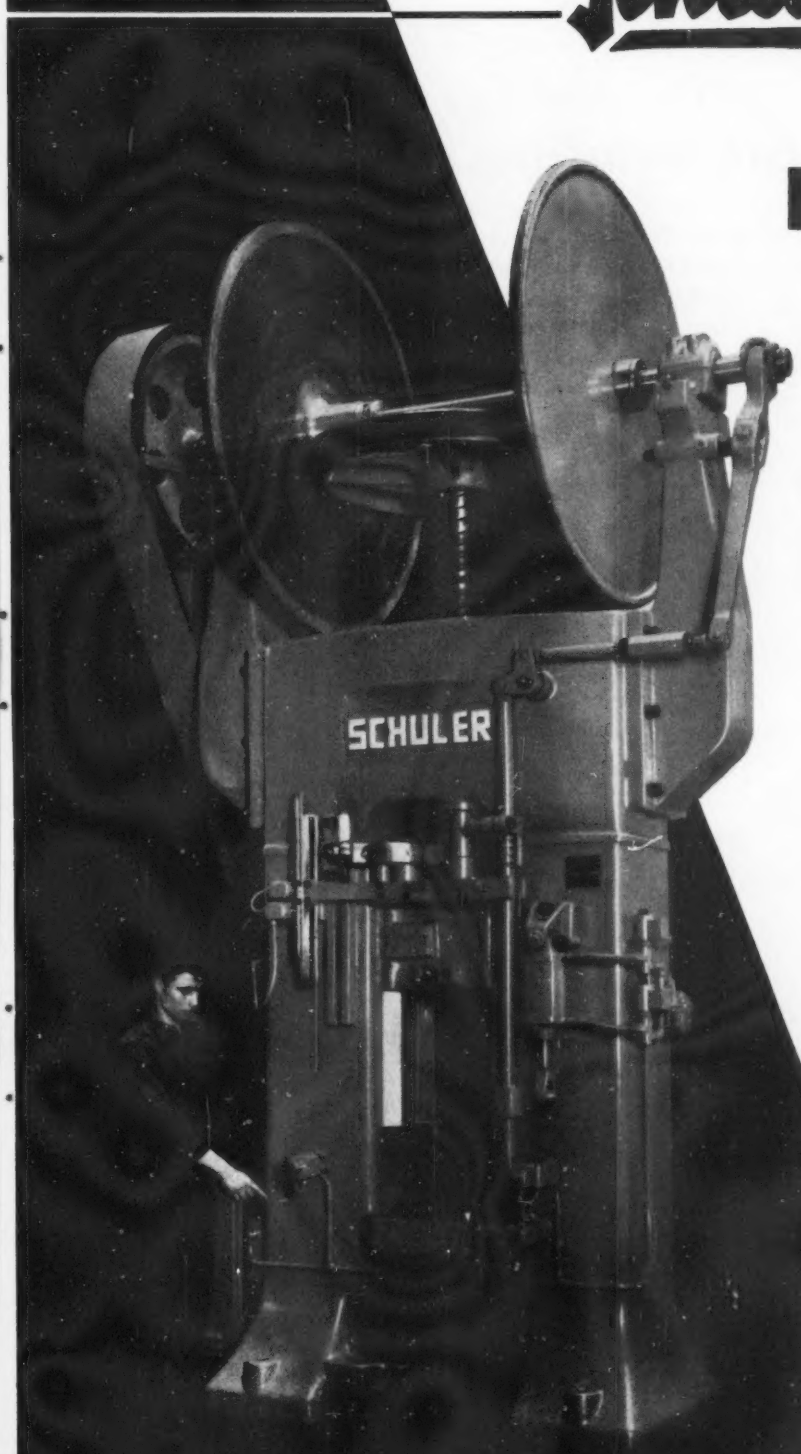

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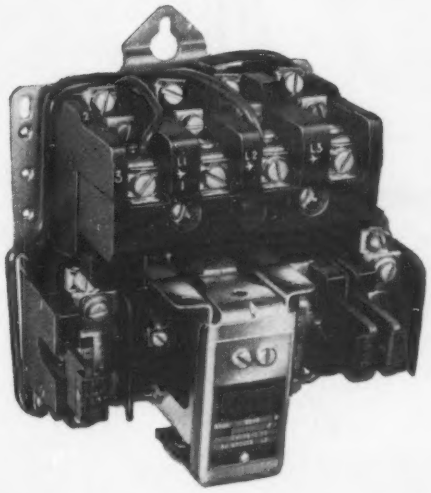

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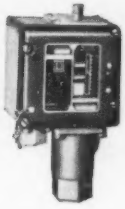

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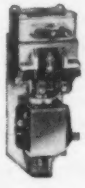

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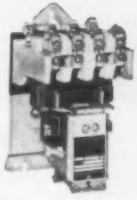

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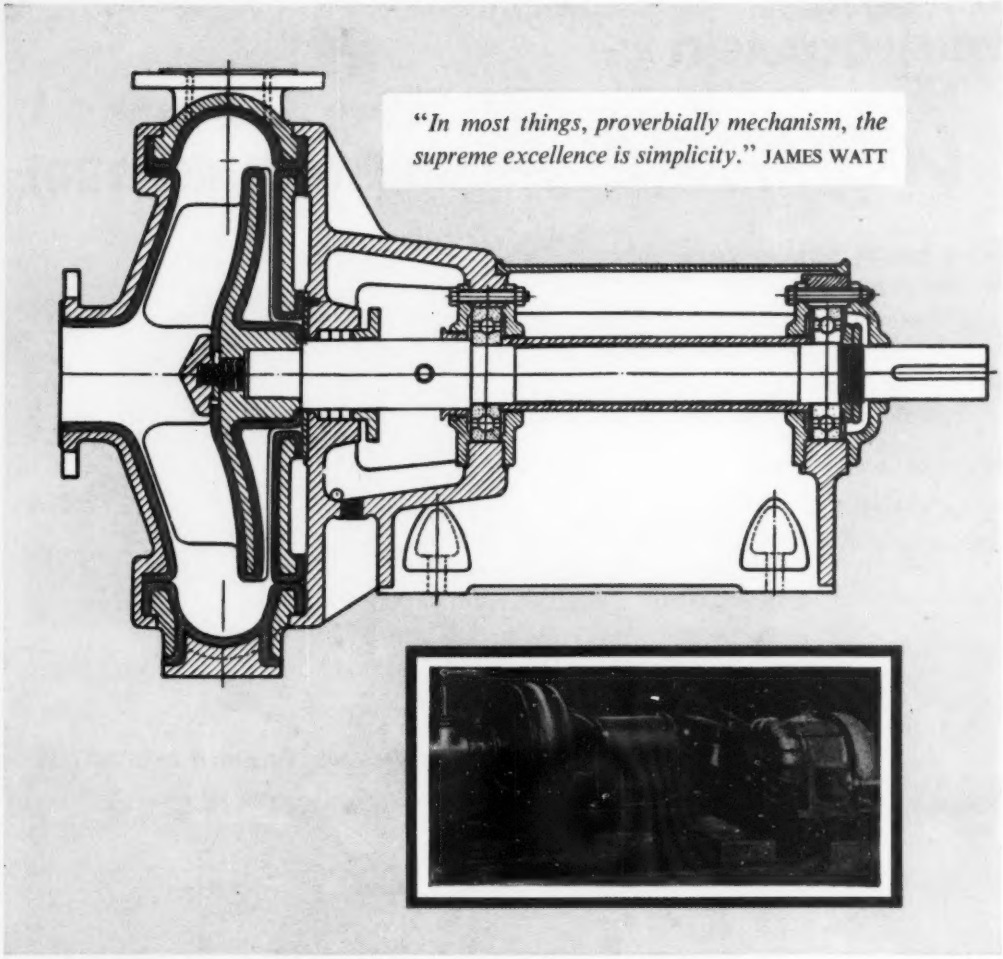

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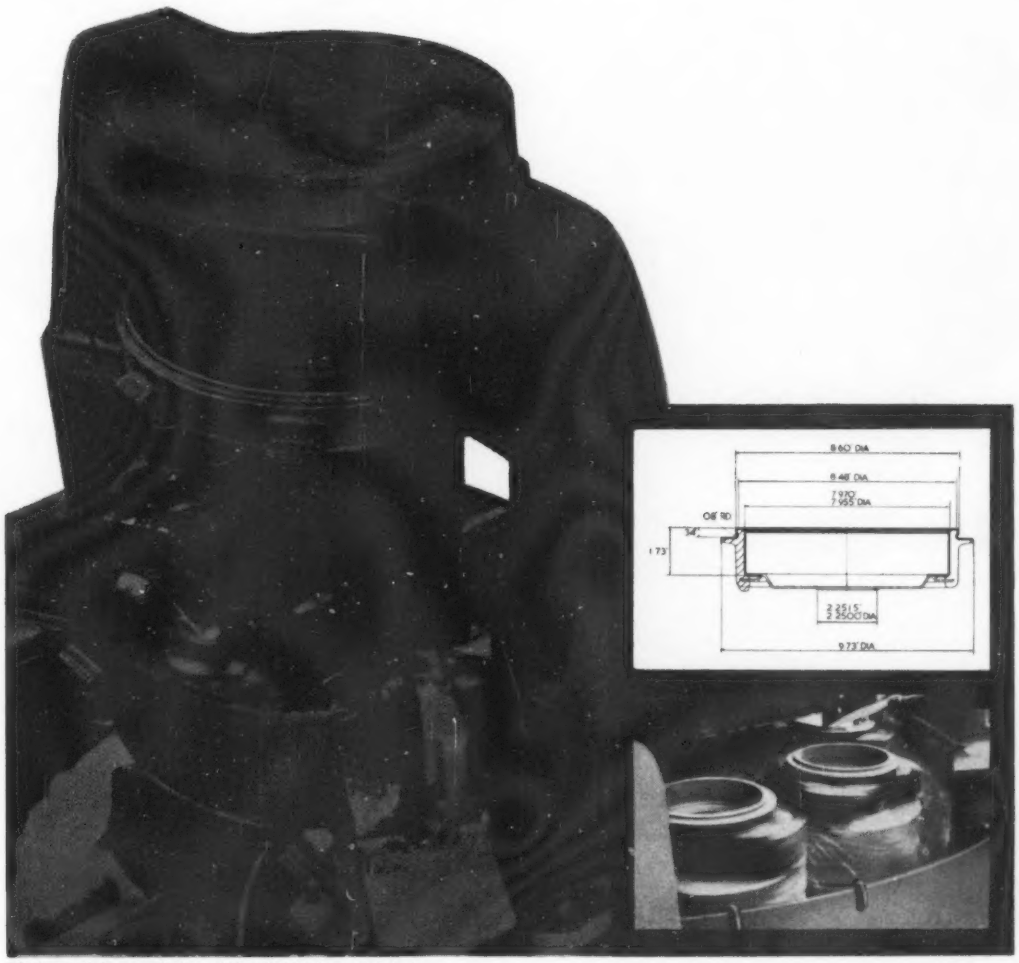

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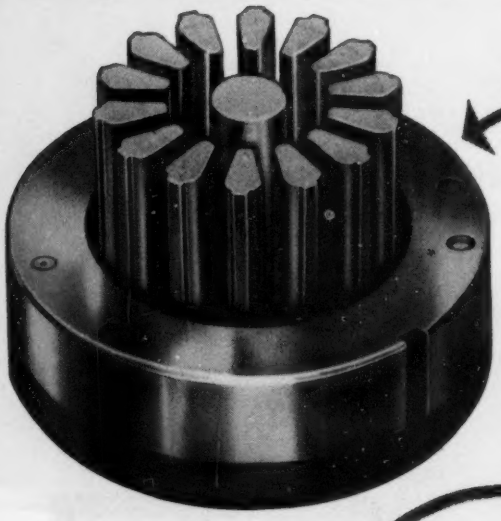

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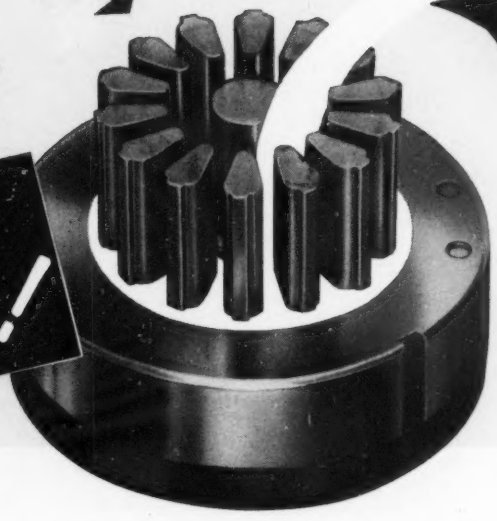

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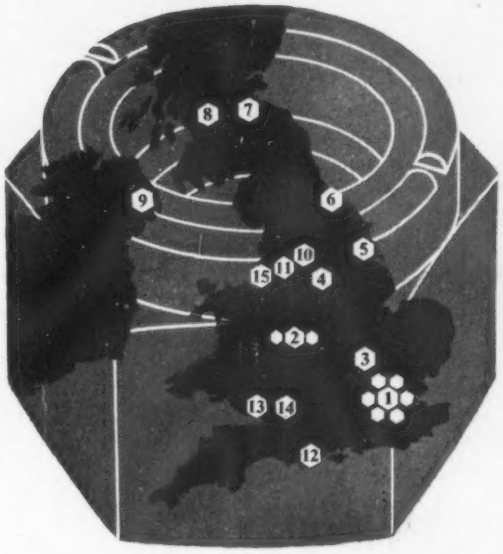

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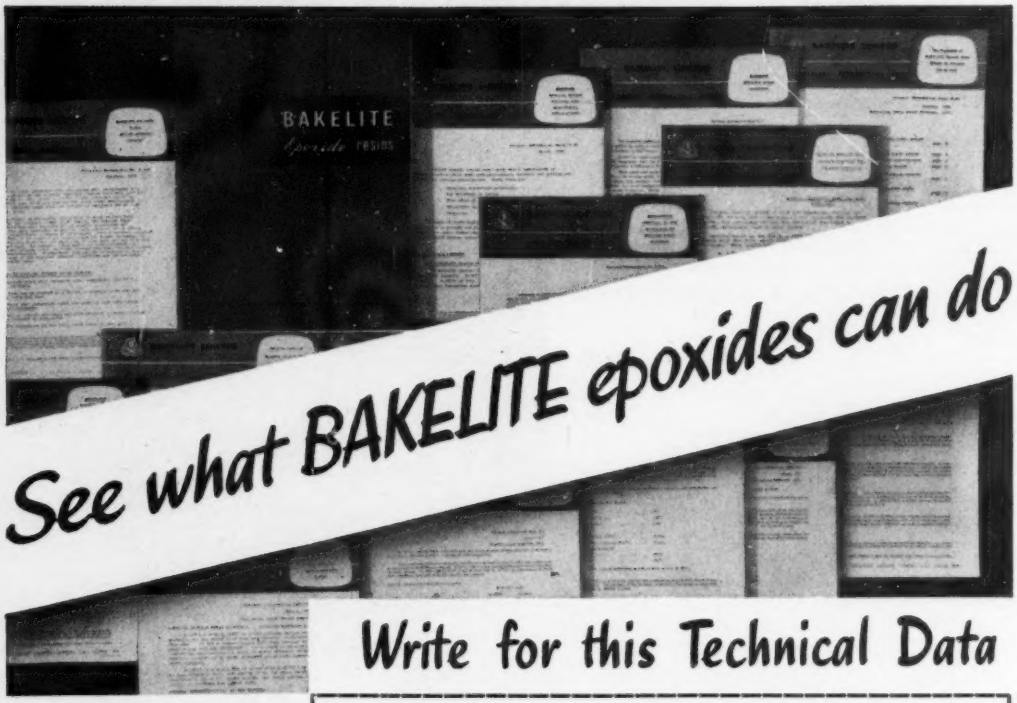

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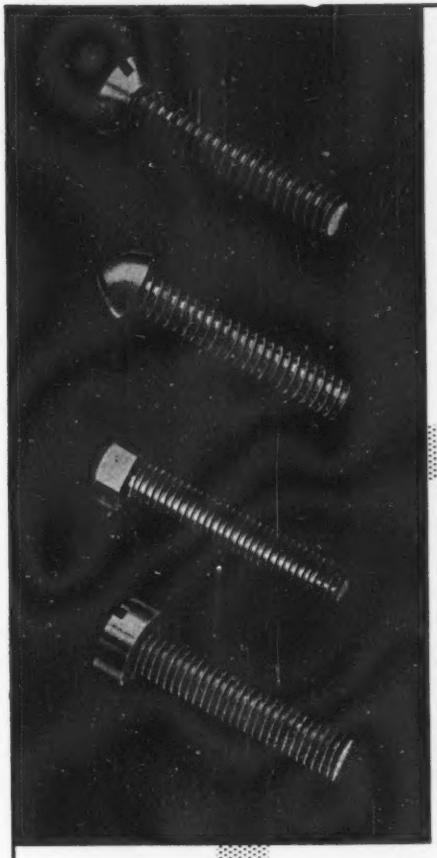

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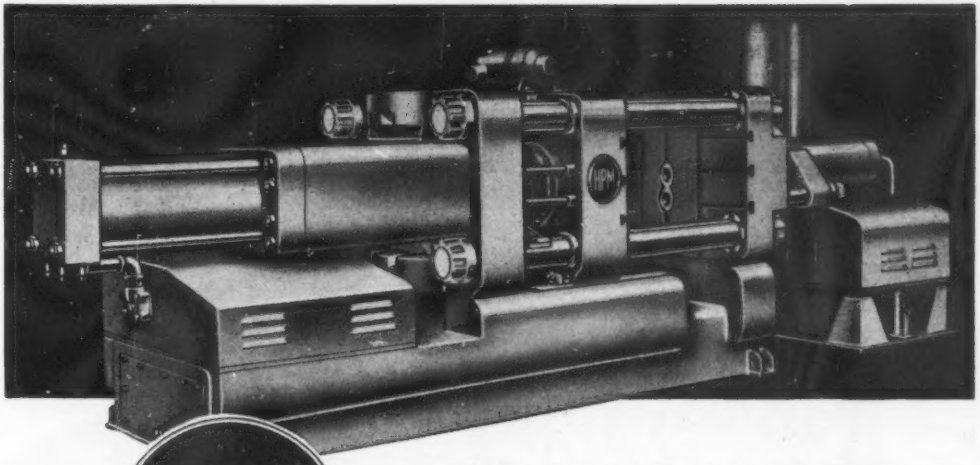

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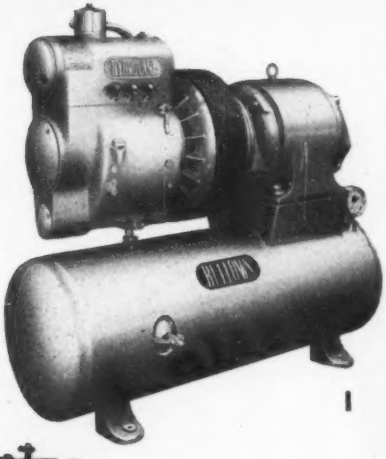

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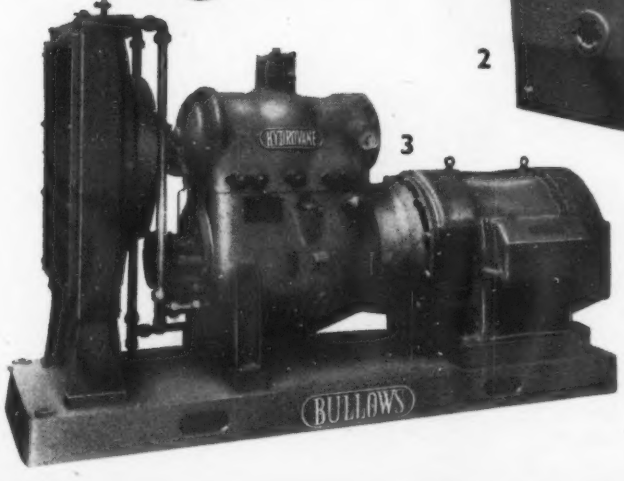

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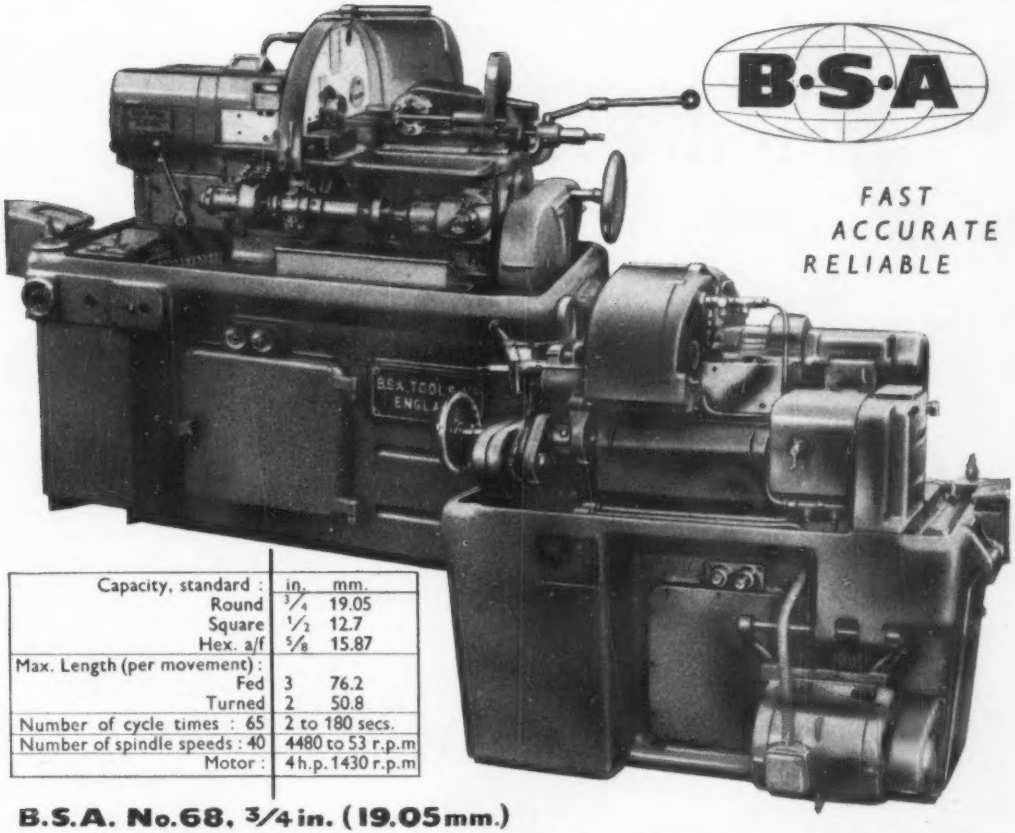

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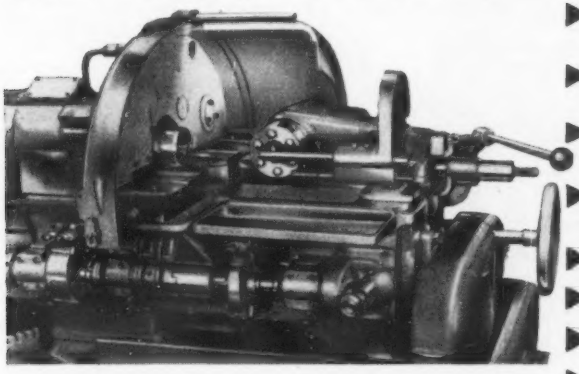

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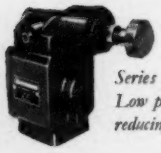

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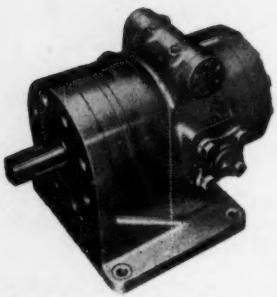

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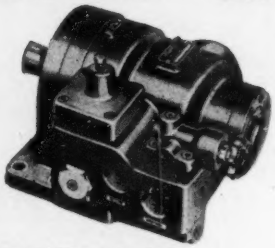

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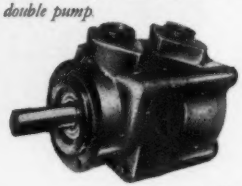

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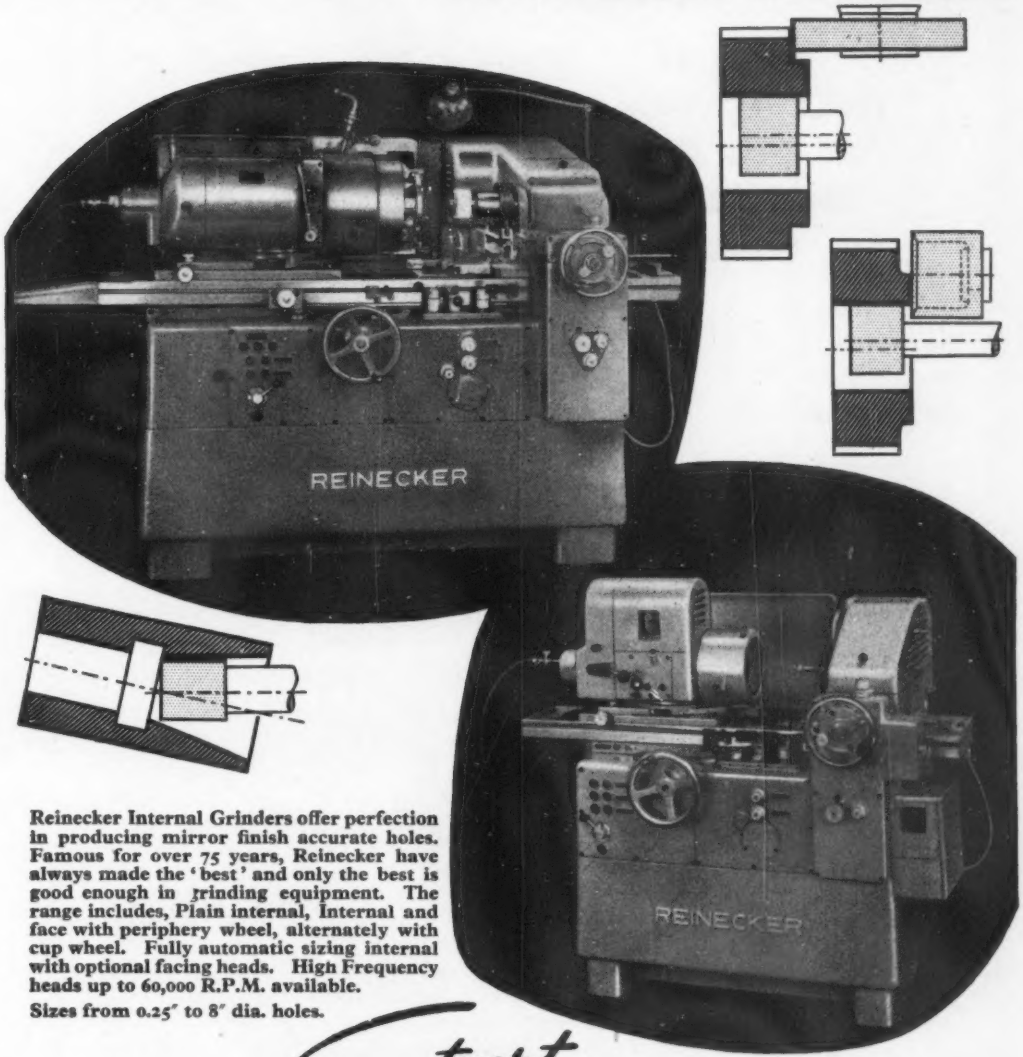

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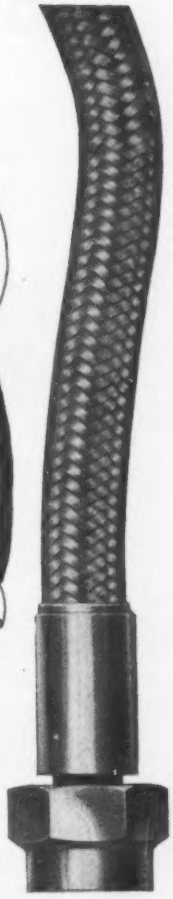

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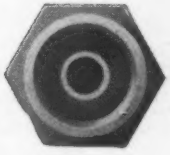

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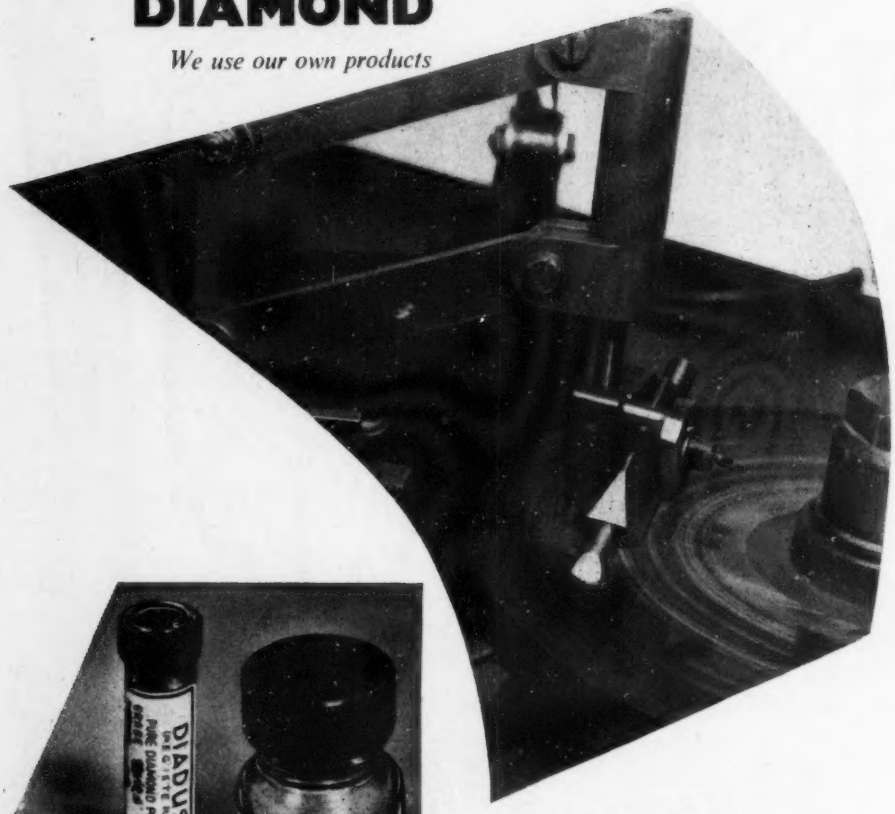

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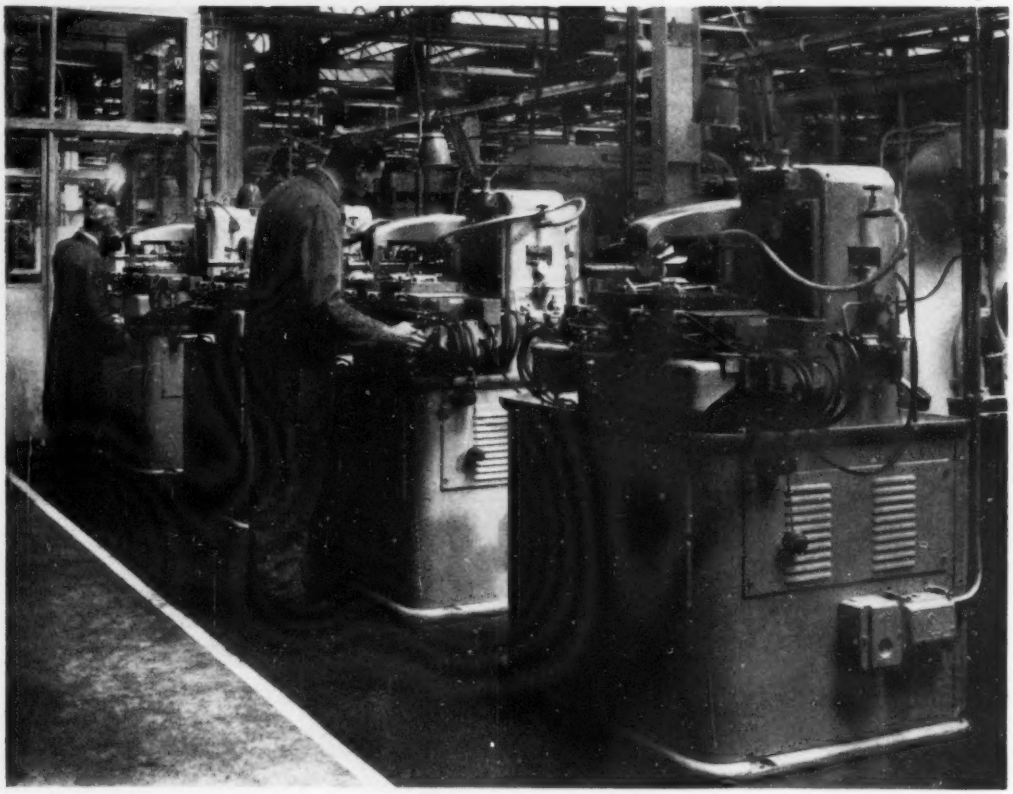

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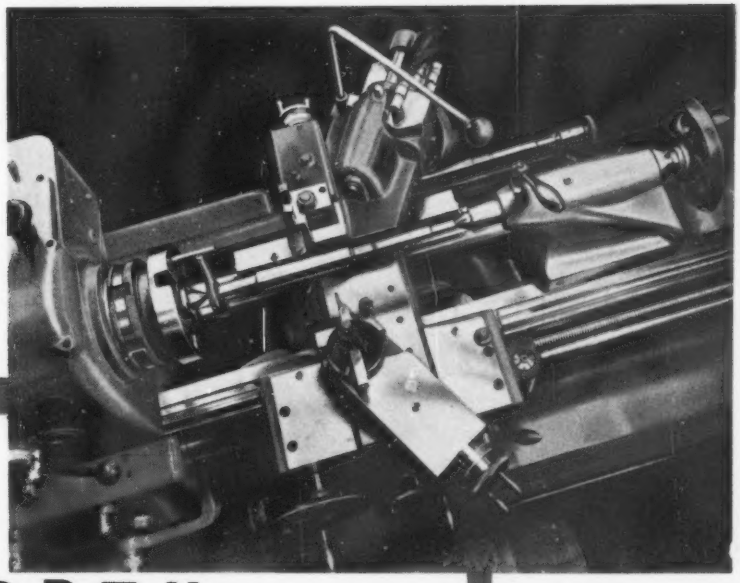

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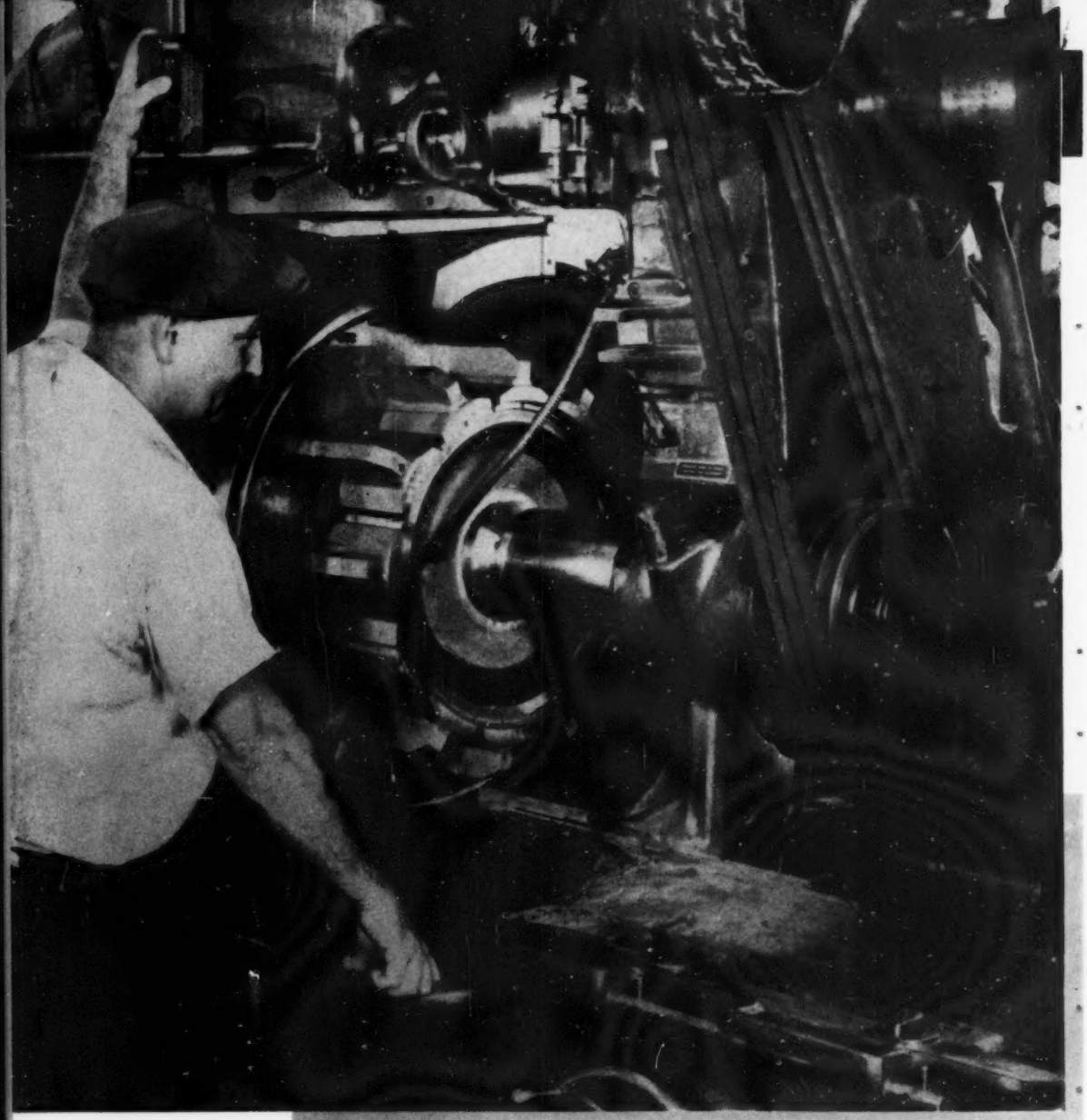

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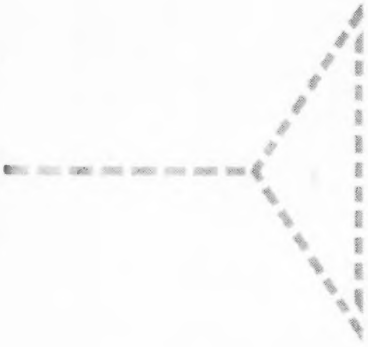

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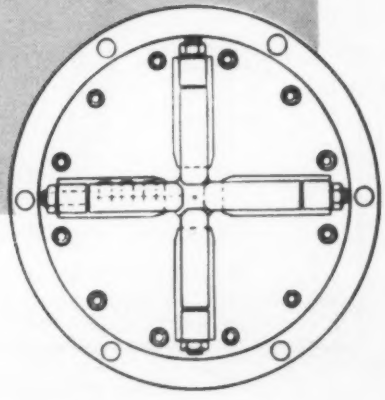

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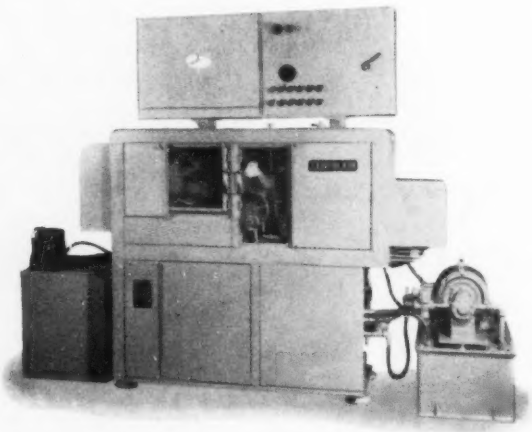

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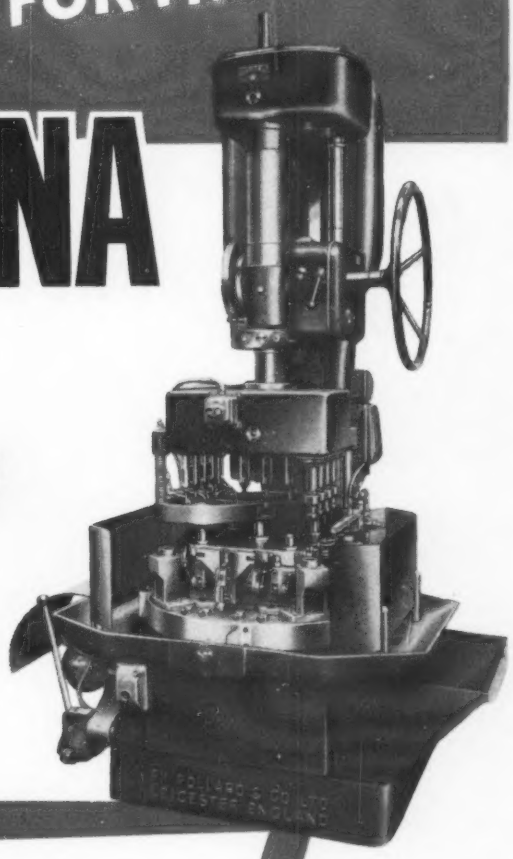

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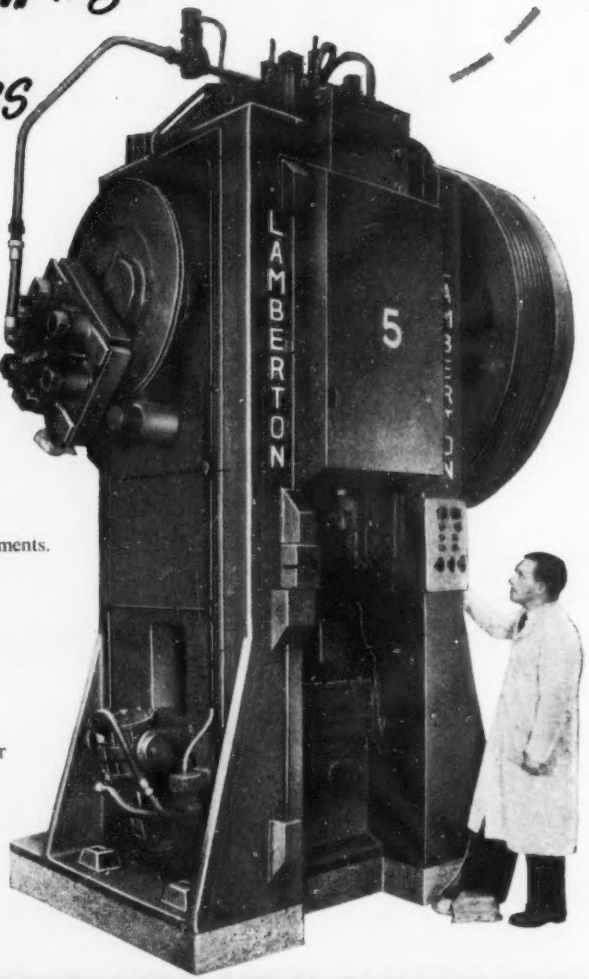

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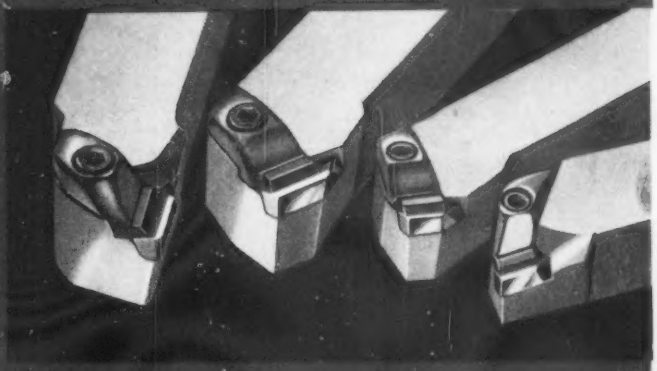

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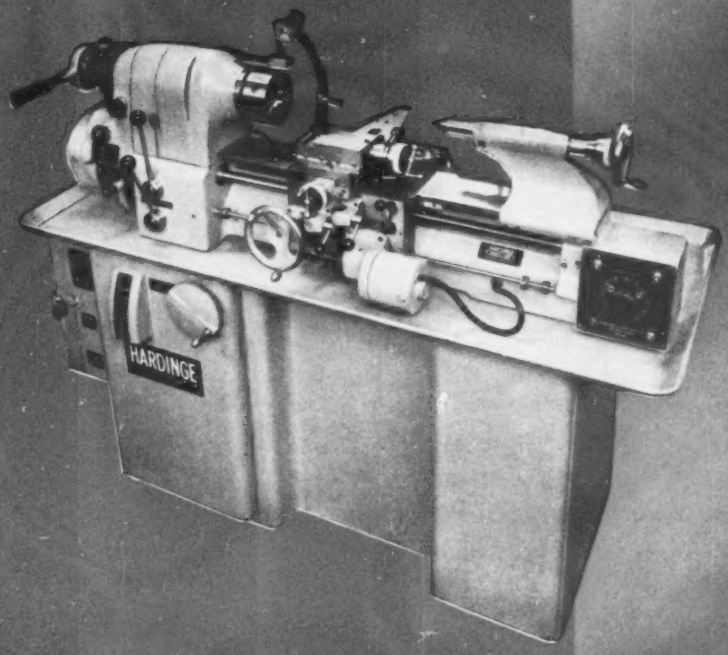

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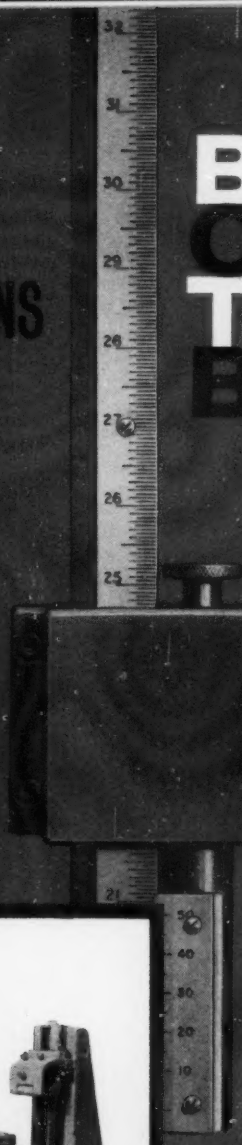

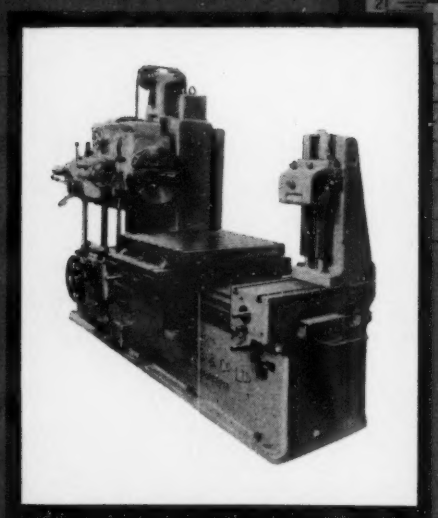

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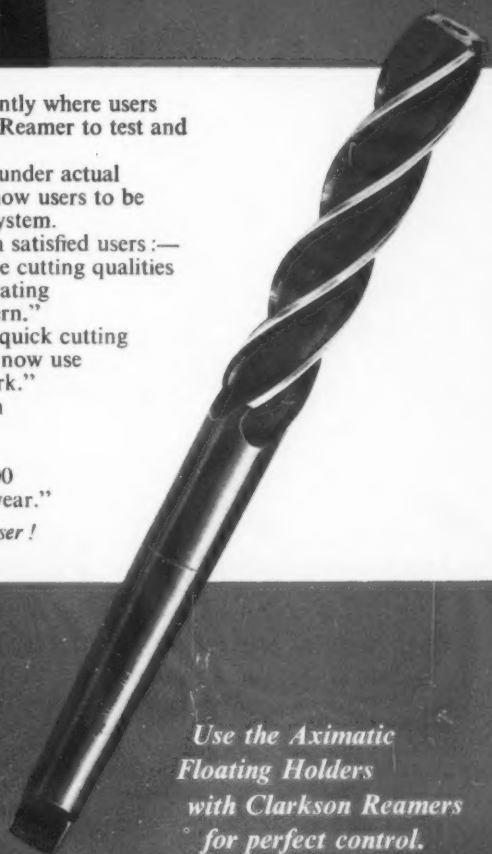

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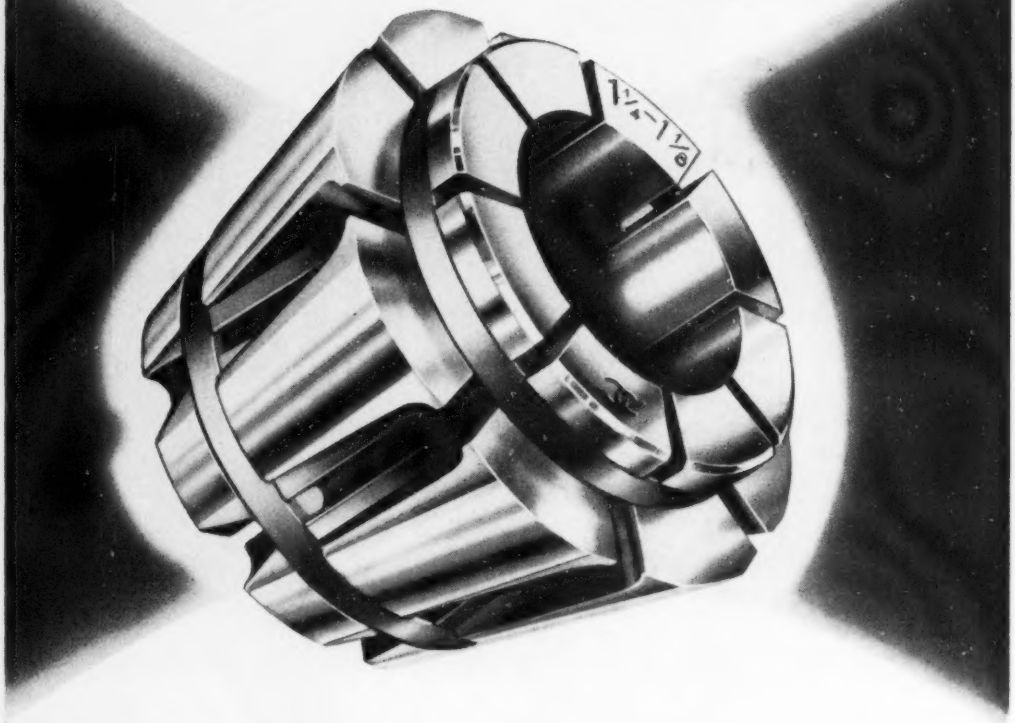

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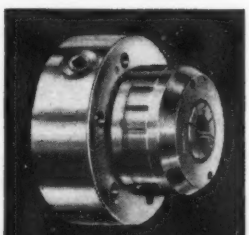
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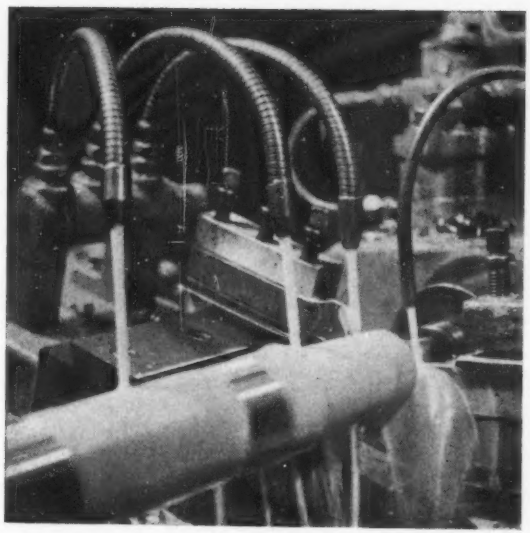

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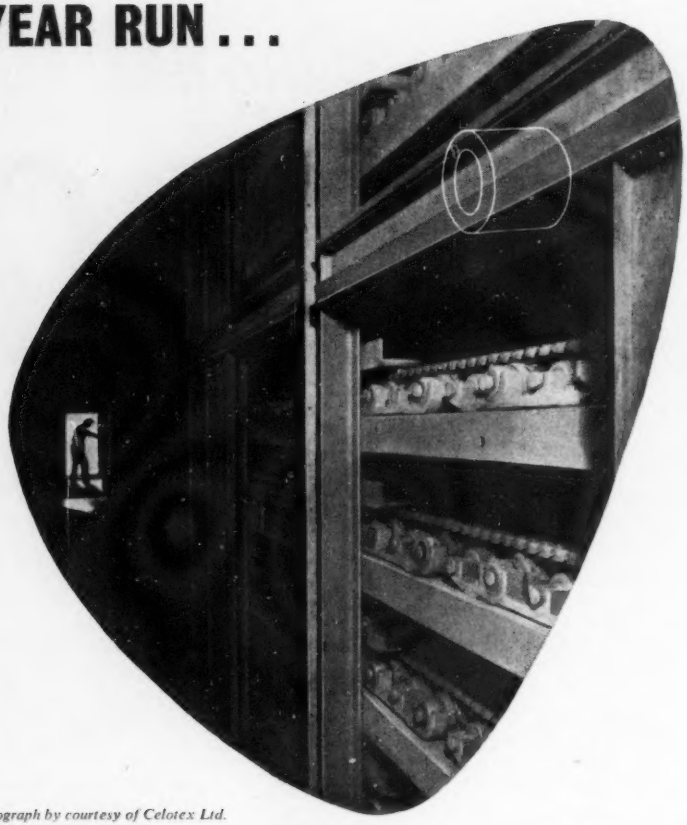

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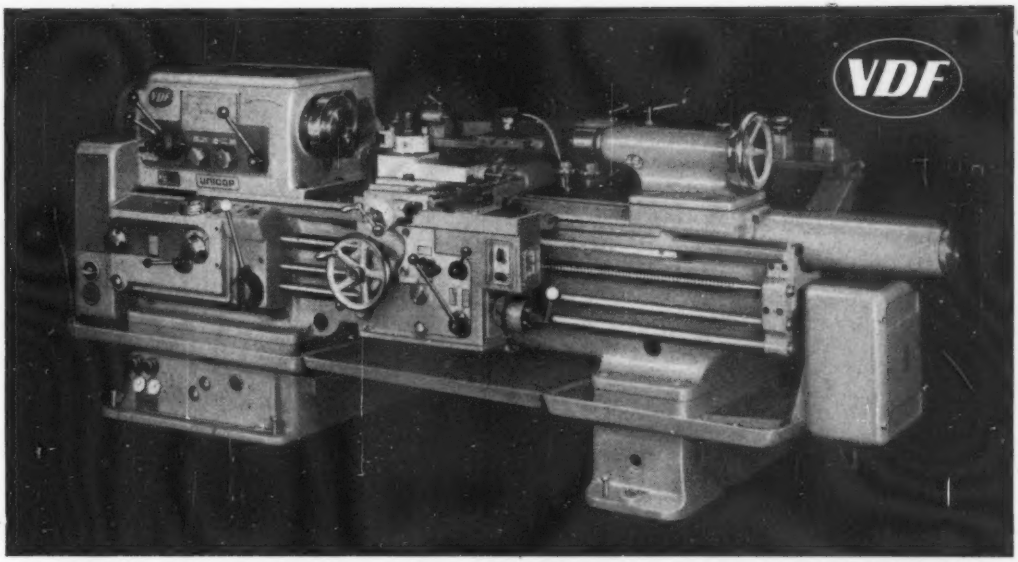

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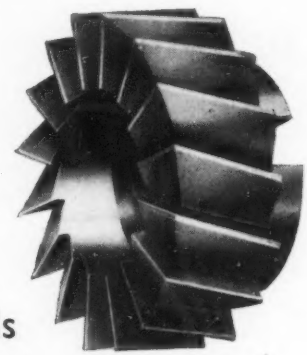

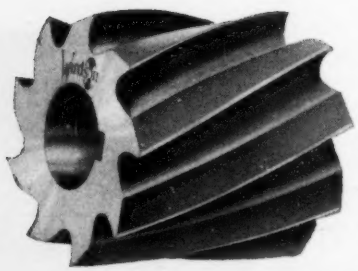

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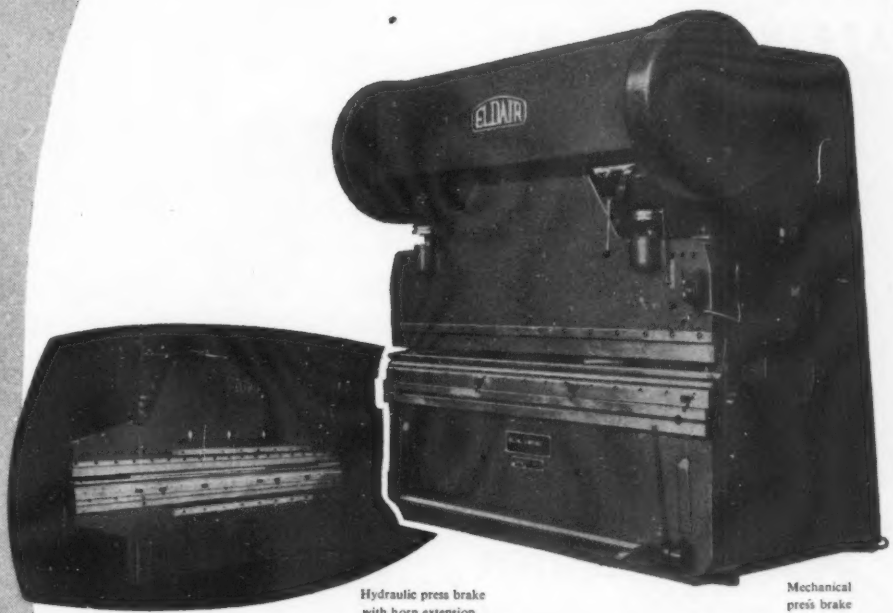

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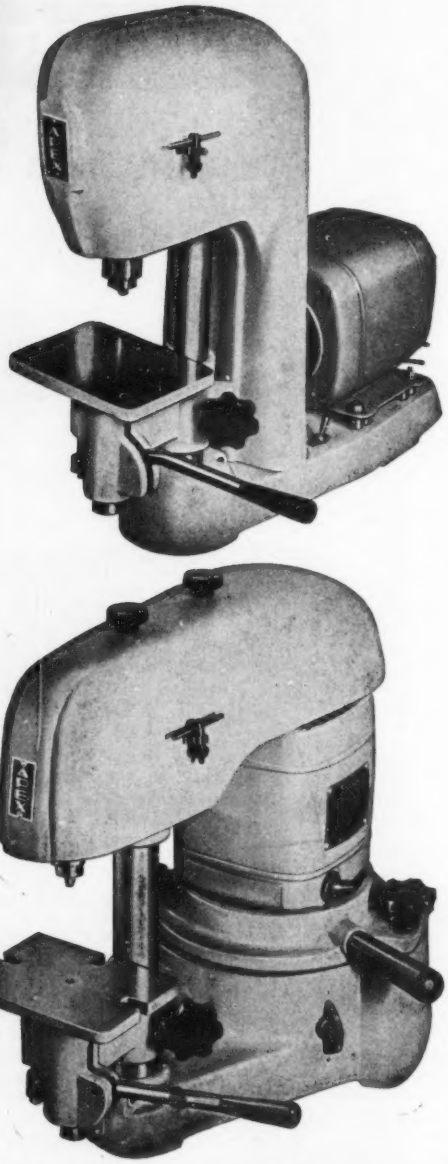

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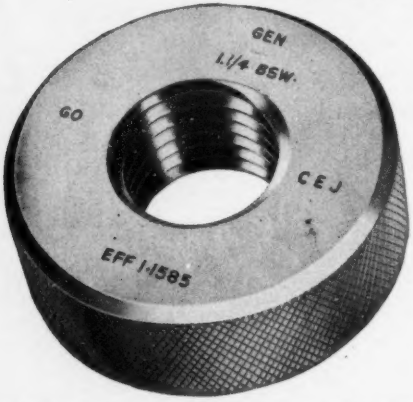

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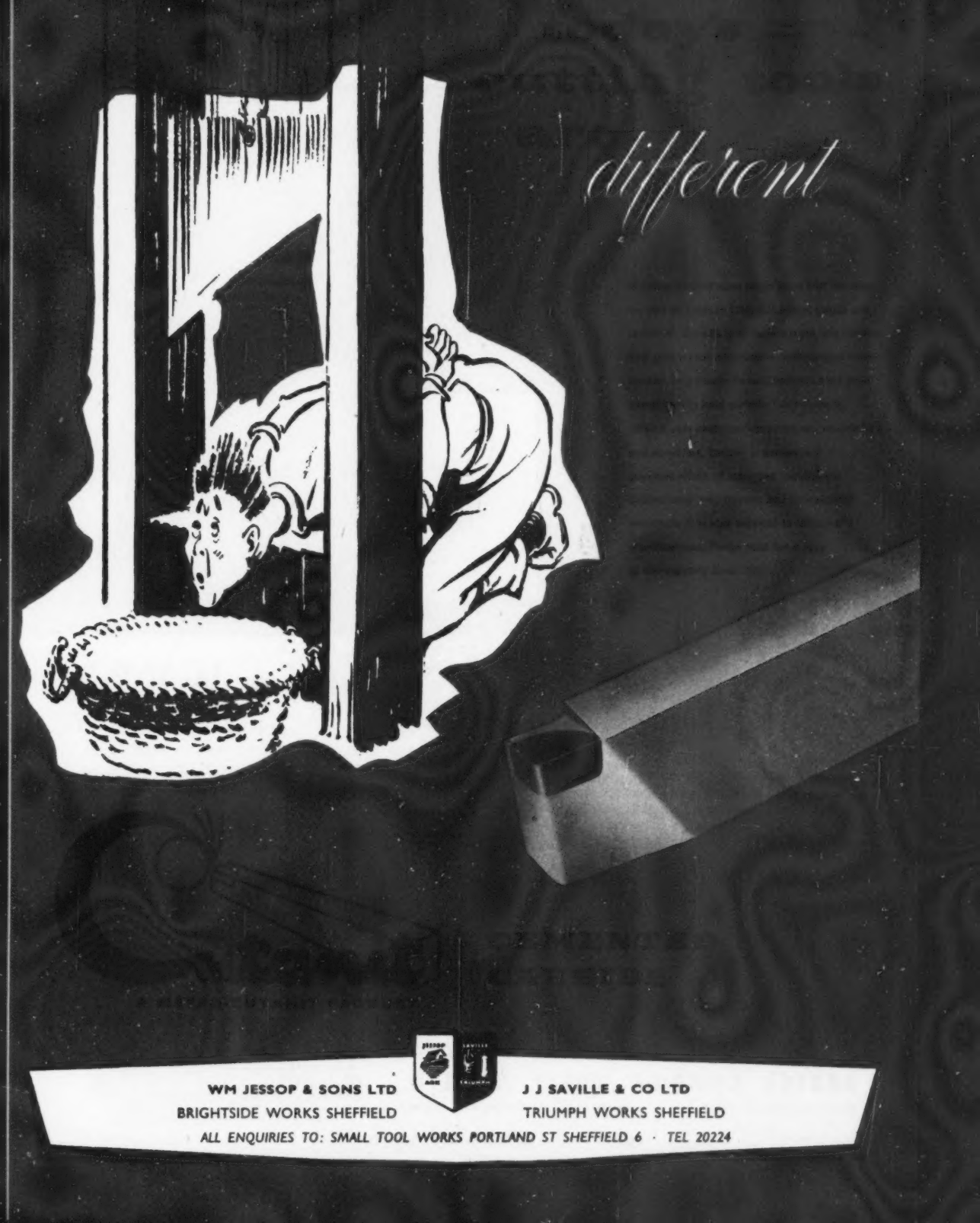

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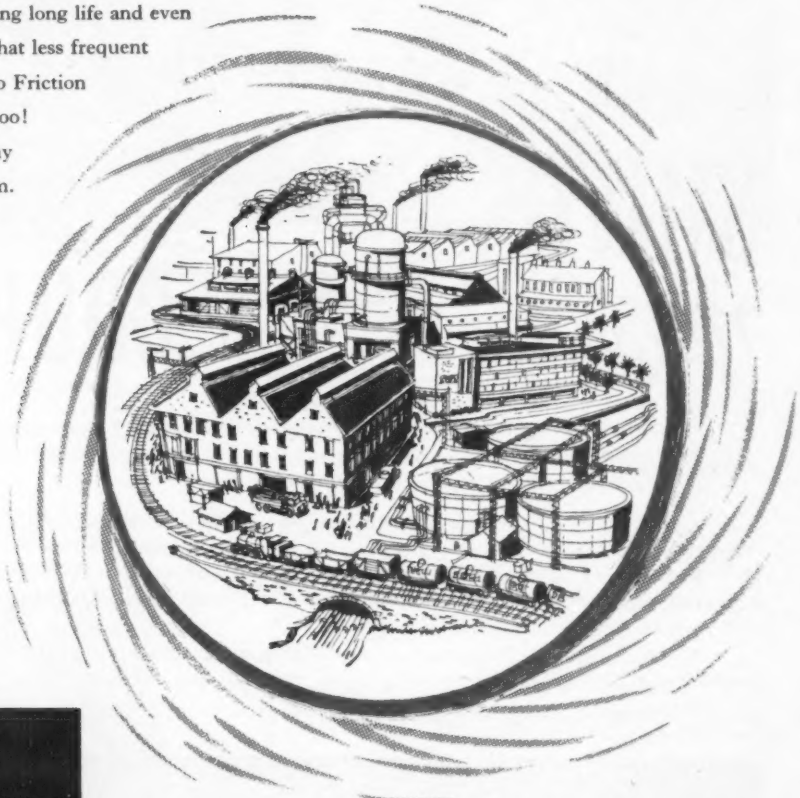

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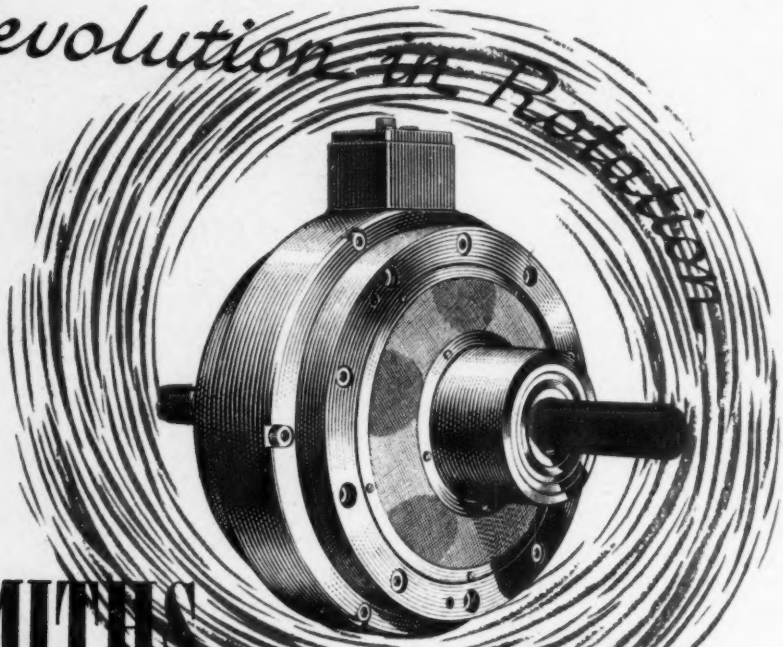

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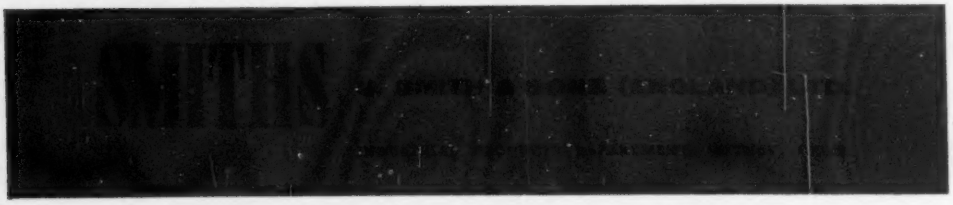

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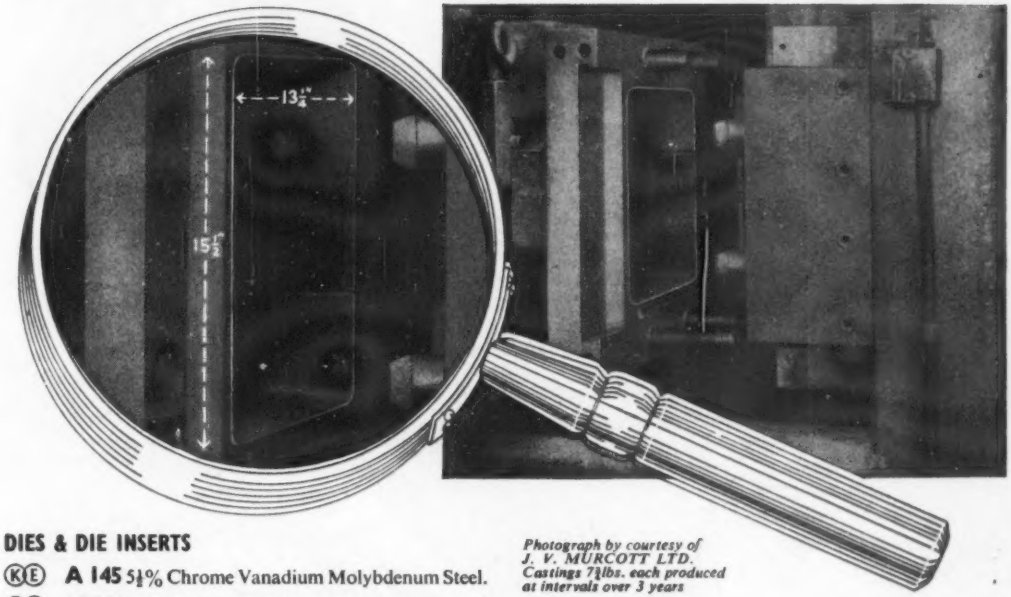

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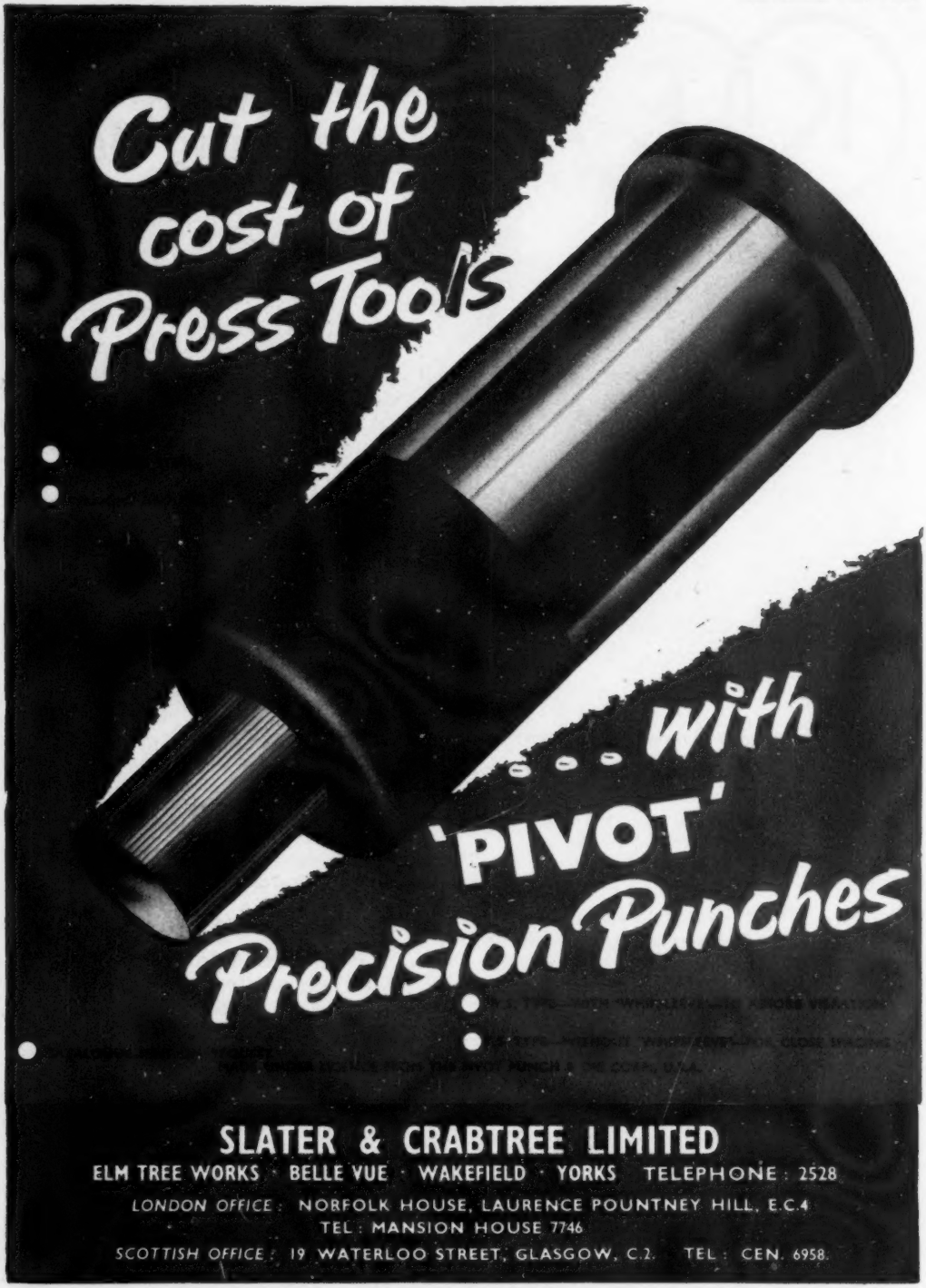
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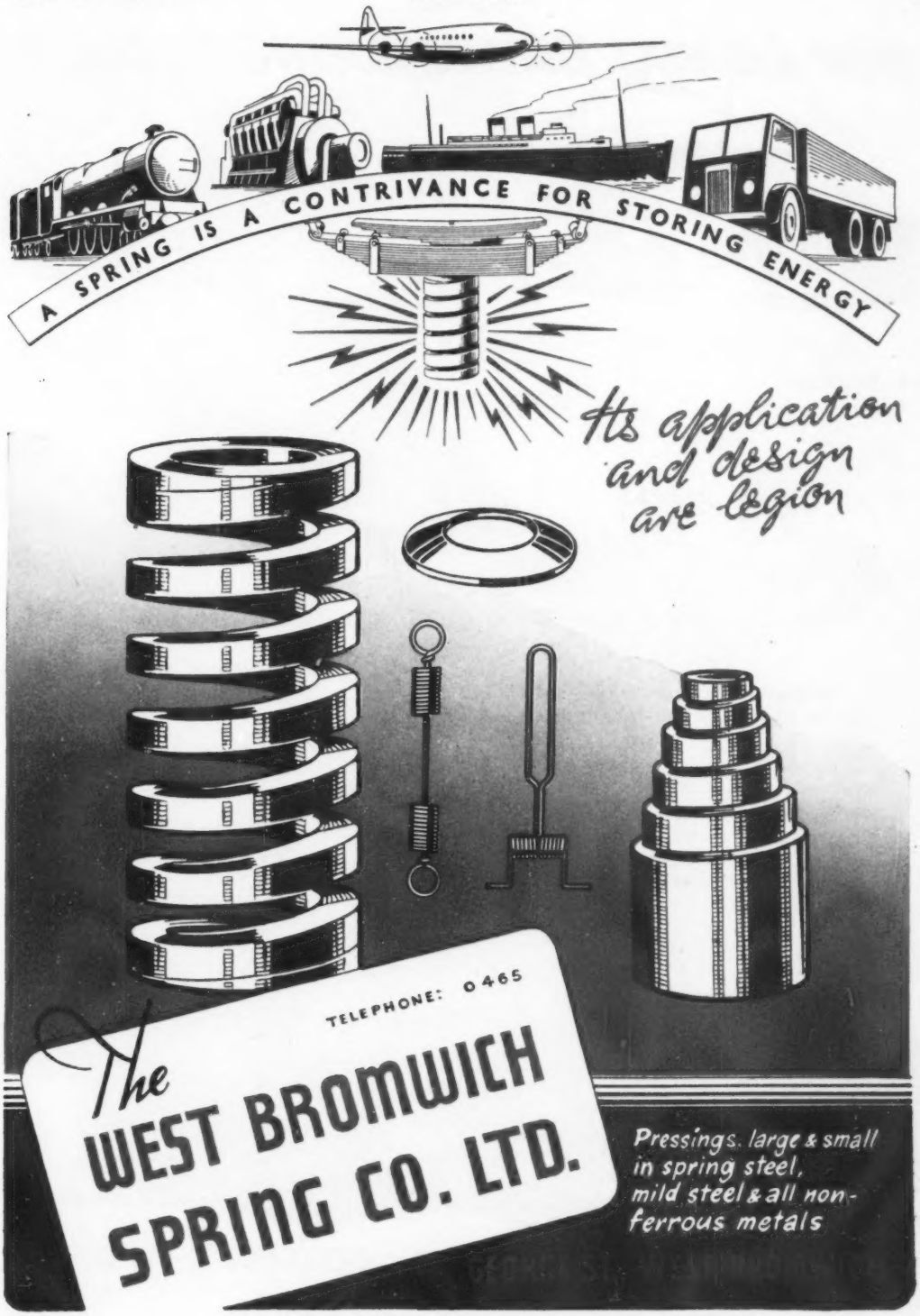
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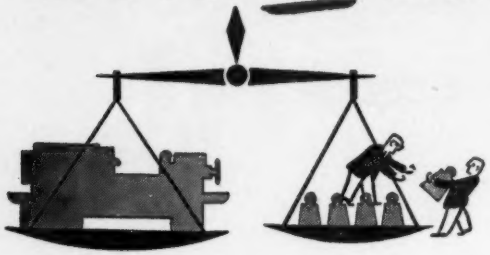

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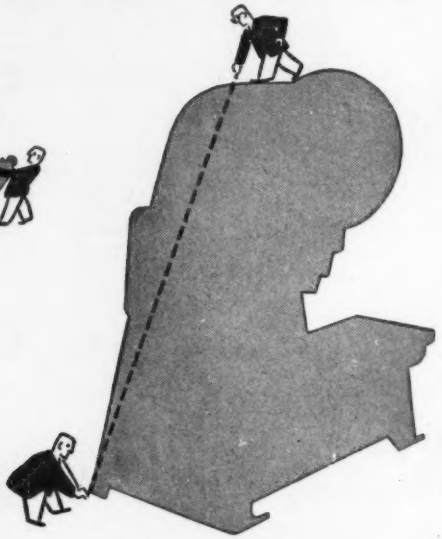

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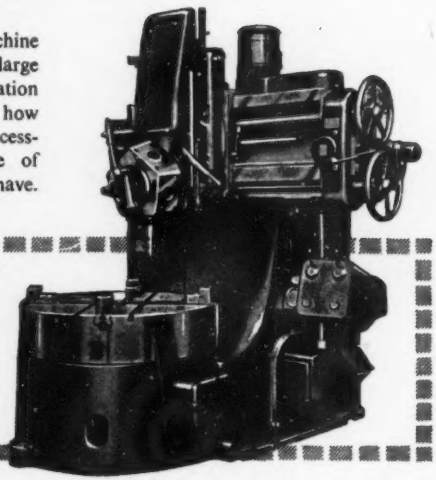

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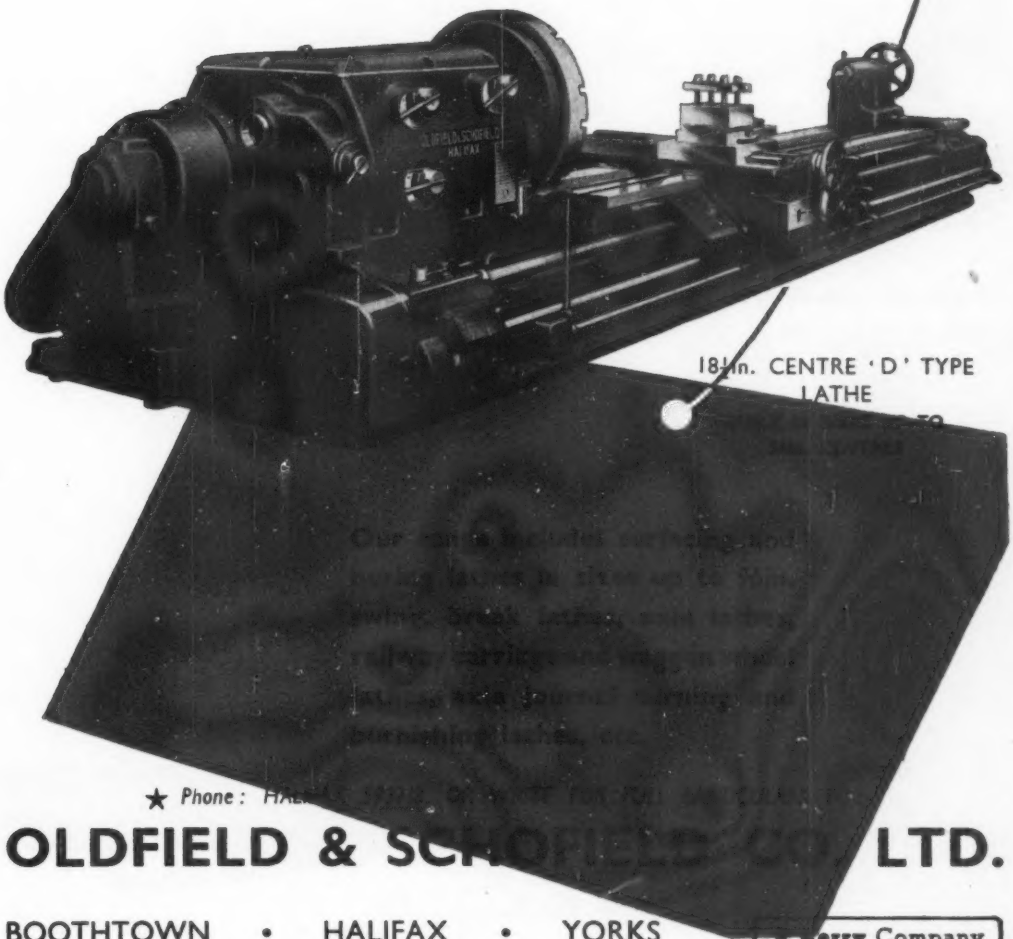

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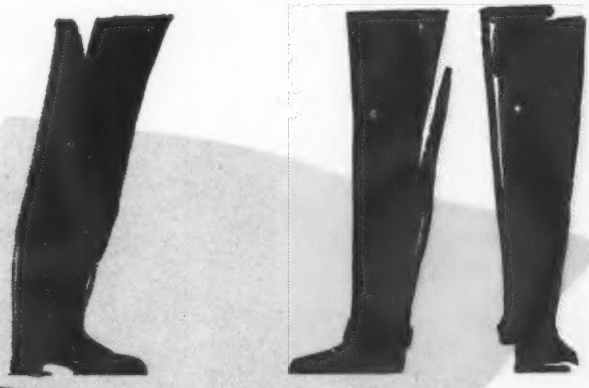

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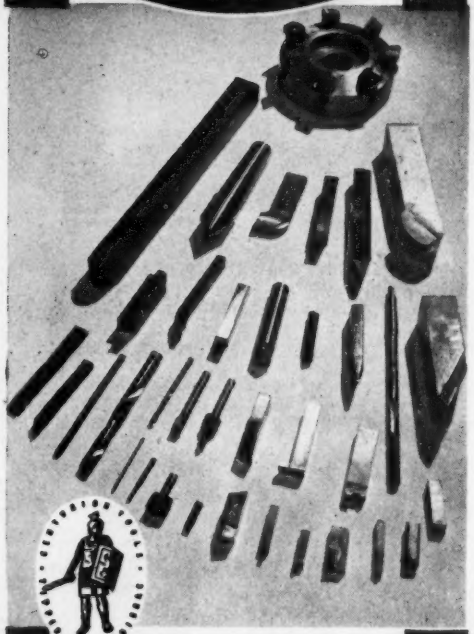

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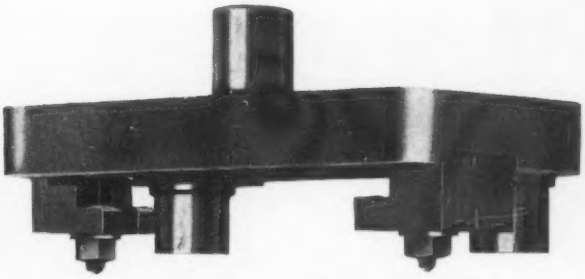

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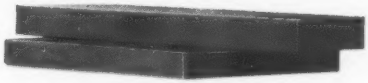

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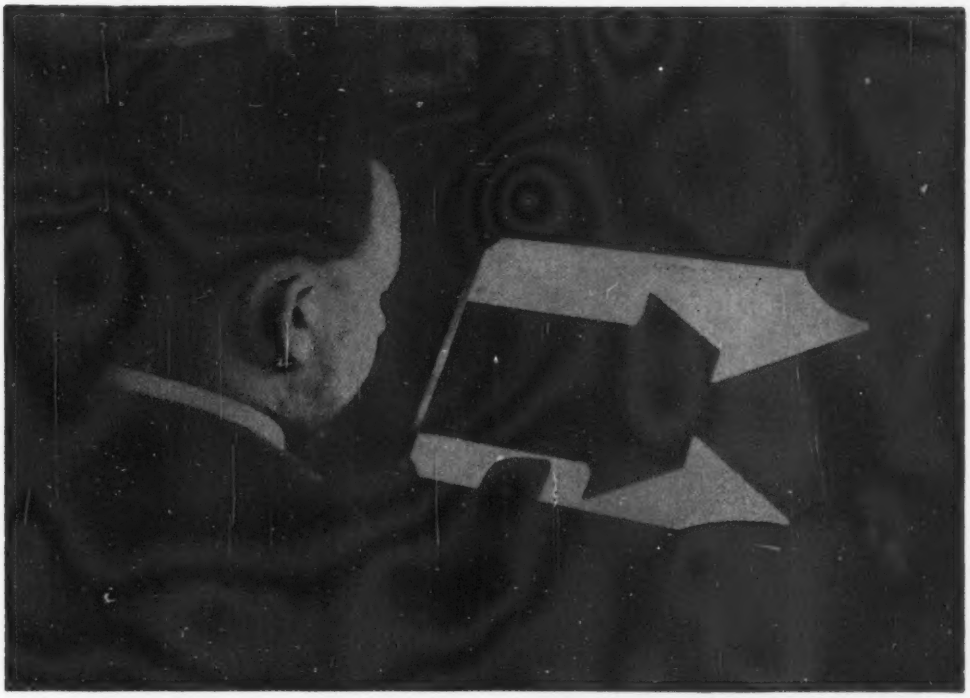

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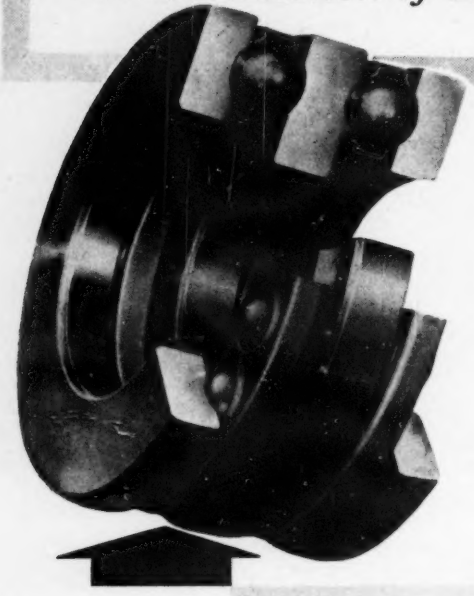

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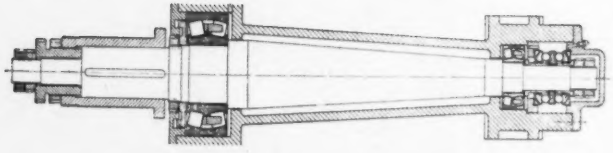

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Abstracts of Principal Articles

Aspects of Russian Engineering Industry P. 1096

This article, the ninth in the series on Soviet engineering industry, is devoted to two plants, namely, the Z. I. Likhachjov Automobile Works, in Moscow, and the Leningrad Steel Rolling Plant. The Moscow works are engaged in the production of Z.I.L. motor lorries and omnibuses in large quantities, also small numbers of motor cars. Bicycles, and domestic refrigerators are also produced, the latter being made in a subsidiary factory. The plant has extensive machine building shops and tool-rooms, and there is a large, partly-mechanized foundry. The production lines are conveyorized and many transfer machines are installed. Mechanical handling devices and automatic equipment are widely employed in the forging department. The Leningrad factory is engaged in the rolling and drawing of a wide range of steel and other sections, and has carried out a progressive policy of mechanization. It has a well-equipped section for the production of tungsten carbide drawing dies, and has installed a large Russian strip rolling mill with measuring equipment that employs a radio-active isotope. Watch and clock springs are produced in large quantities in a special department. (MACHINERY, 93—12/11/58.)

Multi-dimensional Air-gauging Equipment P. 1111

Thomas Mercer (Air Gauges), Ltd., Eywood Road, St. Albans, Herts., have recently supplied to Rolls-Royce, Ltd., a number of special-purpose air-gauging fixtures, intended for use with liquid-column indicating equipment. One fixture, for checking pump gears, incorporates a special mandrel with a rubber insert, which locates the components accurately by the bore, despite variations in the bore diameter, within the tolerance range. Another fixture, which provides for checking a large number of dimensions, incorporates air-gauging heads, dial-gauges, and flush-pins. In addition, an auxiliary template is used to check a total of 10 length dimensions. This equipment is intended for use with a 7-column indicating unit. (MACHINERY, 93—12/11/58.)

Feed Mechanism for Wire-forming Machine ..... P. 1116

The mechanism here described incorporates a dual-purpose cam whereby rocking movements are imparted to a follower lever in two planes, mutually at right angles. As a result of these movements, wire is intermittently gripped and fed forward. Provision is made for varying the length of feed. (MACHINERY, 93—12/11/58.)

Asquith Transfer Machine for Gudgeon Pins ..... P. 1119

Gudgeon pins, in two sizes, are being drilled and reamed at the works of Vauxhall Motors, Ltd., on two Asquith 5-station, in-line transfer machines. A sectional view showing the arrangement of one machine is given in this article, and it has an output of 150 gudgeon pins per hour. These pins are $1\frac{1}{8}$ in. diameter by $3\frac{5}{32}$ in. long, and in addition to being drilled from the solid, and reamed, the holes are chamfered at both ends. Parts are transferred four at a time and at the first machining station a dimple is formed in one end and a hole is drilled to half depth in the other. At the next station, the dimpled end is drilled to complete the hole, and the opposite end is chamfered. Finally, the holes are reamed to $\frac{11}{16}$ in. diameter. (MACHINERY, 93—12/11/58.)

Red Ring Broaching Process for Cutting External Gears ..... P. 1121

The broach employed for this process is made from high-speed steel, and is of one-piece construction with the internal teeth ground from the solid. When broaching a helical gear, the work is supported on a cylindrical fixture which is rotated, as the broach moves down, by a lead bar with helical grooves. On the return stroke, the finished gear is carried upwards, with the broach, and is discharged sideways by means of an air cylinder. It is stated that gears can be cut by this method to close limits of accuracy. The maximum depth of tooth is determined largely by the length of the broach, but it is anticipated that it will prove possible to cut coarse-pitch gears at two or more stages. (MACHINERY, 93—12/11/58.)

Gloster Control and Measuring Equipment P. 1133

The Technical Development Division of the Gloster Aircraft Co., Ltd., is now devoting increasing attention to the introduction of equipment suitable for industrial applications, apart from the work which is undertaken for the aircraft field. In this connection, it is intended to specialize in complete control systems, the units of which will be made by the company. One such system is for the electro-hydraulic servo-control of hydraulic driving motors or slide positioning on machine tools, and incorporates a mark/space generator for transmitting signals to the coils of a pilot valve. Other developments include a non-contact type profile indicator and a range of force transducers for measuring loads from 2·5 to 100,000 lb. (MACHINERY, 93—12/11/58.)

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Electro-chemical Machining

With the continued introduction of new work materials and component forms, particularly in the aircraft and missile fields, increasing interest is necessarily being taken in metal removal processes which must still be regarded as unorthodox, as a means of solving some of the problems that arise. Among such processes, spark and ultrasonic machining and chemical etching are now well established and have proved their value in a diversity of applications. It is evident, moreover, that with further development and more general acceptance, their potentialities will be much more widely exploited in the future. In this connection it may be noted, too, that recently-introduced equipment whereby the actions of spark and ultrasonic machining are combined, is said to be yielding promising results. The methods mentioned will produce certain effects that would be difficult or almost impossible to achieve by conventional machining, but, in general, the rates of metal removable obtainable are very small when judged by normal standards.

When chemical etching—or chemical milling as the process is often termed—is employed, compensation for the slow rate of penetration may be afforded by the fact that the action may take place over large areas simultaneously, for example, when producing integrally-stiffened aircraft panels. For spark and ultrasonic machining, on the other hand, at least with the equipment so far available, both the areas of operation and the penetration rates are comparatively small.

There are, however, other processes, of an electro-chemical nature, which appear to offer important possibilities. In connection with such processes there has been considerable activity in the U.S.A. in recent years, also, it is understood, in the U.S.S.R., but information is not yet available concerning British work in this field. One of the best known of the electro-chemical processes involves the use of a metal-bonded abrasive wheel and an electrolyte. The wheel spindle and work are insulated to form part of an electric circuit which is completed through the electrolyte, and work material is dissolved in the solution. Abrasive particles in the wheel, which may be of diamond for machining cemented carbide, or aluminium oxide for such materials as high-speed steel, protrude beyond the surface and prevent short-circuiting, and no special servo-feed system is required. Among the advantages claimed for this process are comparatively rapid metal removal, ability to maintain high accuracy, and complete freedom from heating and consequent metallurgical damage to the work material.

During the course of a paper read recently before the American Society of Tool Engineers, Mr. Lynn A. Williams mentioned that, during the past three years, several hundred installations of electro-chemical or electrolytic machining equipment had been made in the U.S.A. He also gave a list of 13 machine tool builders, including some very well-known firms, who now offer grinding equipment adapted for operation by the electro-chemical process. Among current applications may be mentioned the sharpening of single-point tools and milling cutters with cemented carbide tips, also hypodermic needles where it is important that the edges should be clean and free from burrs. Surface "grinding" operations with either plain or formed wheels can be carried out, and it is stated that, with a suitable electrolyte, an electro-polished surface can be produced on some materials. Another promising application of the process is for machining stainless-steel honeycomb core material to produce the required contours and leave clean cell edges.

In considering metal removal rates possible by electro-chemical machining, it must be borne in mind that, where the nature of the work permits, quite large areas can be presented to the wheel without risk of overheating. At one operation, the edges of gas turbine blades are machined on a disc-type wheel, and an average depth of 0·1 in. of material is removed in 25 sec. During a series of tests, ½ in. diameter rods of various "difficult" materials were fed against the side face of a wheel, and removal rates ranged from 0·385 in. per min., for a hardened tool steel, to 0·20 in. per min.

At the end of his paper, Mr. Williams drew attention to a more recent development whereby electro-chemical machining can be employed for sinking holes or cavities of irregular shapes in various steels and "super" alloys. He stated that it was now possible to obtain reasonable accuracy and that penetration rates ranged from 0·004 to 0·007 in. per sec. A number of electrodes can be mounted together and provided that all are energized to capacity, the rate of penetration is

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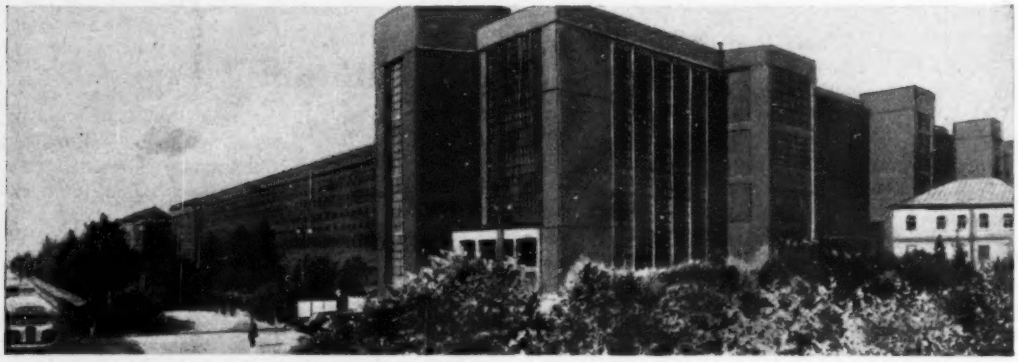

Aspects of Russian Engineering Industry

Some Impressions Based on a First-hand Study of Soviet Plants

Earlier articles* in this series on the Russian engineering industry have been concerned with the growth of machine tool building in the Soviet Union, the design of some of the latest Russian machines and allied equipment, and the plants and research stations for the construction and development of machine tools and the investigation of metal-working processes. The immediately preceding article was devoted to the First State Ball Bearing Plant, Moscow, and particular reference was made to the automated machine lines, and the fully automatic shop for the production of one size of ball bearing and one size of roller bearing. Here, the Z. I. Likhachjov Automobile Works, Moscow, and the Leningrad Steel Rolling Plant are considered.

The Z.I.L. works—as they are generally known—are located on the outskirts of Moscow, and a general view of the main block of buildings is given in the heading illustration. Before the revolution, there was no motor car industry in Russia, and these works were established in the early 1920's, and the first motor car was produced in 1924. Since that time there have been three major reconstruction programmes, in order to provide improved production facilities and to permit the manufacture of new types of cars and other equipment.

Before the second world war, between 80,000 and 90,000 people were employed at the works. All the employees and equipment were evacuated to the Urals during the war, where three new works were provided. After the cessation of hostilities, all the equipment and many of the workpeople remained in the new plants, and the Z.I.L. works had to be re-established on the Moscow site. Since the war, there has been a tendency to concentrate more on the production of commercial vehicles than on passenger cars. Now, three different large cars are made, but only in small batches to special order, whereas 120,000 lorries and 3,600 omnibuses are produced annually. The organization also makes bicycles, at a rate of 460,000 per year, and in recent years has undertaken the production of domestic refrigerators, of which 90,000 per year are being manufactured in a separate factory, elsewhere in the Moscow region. It may be of interest to note that the refrigerators are of the "sealed unit," compressor type, with interior lighting, and the capacity of the storage chamber is 5·8 cu. ft. In addition to the main output, the Z.I.L. works make spare parts for all the products, and these parts have a total value of several hundred million roubles per year. Close collaboration is maintained with other Soviet plants which supply such raw materials as glass, textiles, tyres, electrical equipment and ball-bearings, the total number of such suppliers exceeding 800.

At the time of our visit, the number of employees at the Z.I.L. works was 40,000. As at other Soviet factories, considerable attention is paid to the education and welfare of the workpeople, and a secondary school, two secondary institutes and two technical institutes are attached to the plant. Some 5,000 employees of all grades are studying as well as working in the factories. Between

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13,000 and 15,000 employees* are between the ages of 18 and 25, and the plant has its own large sports organization, with 32 different sections. The welfare services include a clinic and hospital, with 90 beds, on the Moscow site, and a rest home in the country. A large medical staff is maintained, including qualified doctors, and there are facilities for mass radiography, dental treatment and sight testing, in addition to those for first aid and minor operations. The medical staff carry out investigations into working conditions and one of their main tasks is to reduce the incidence of occupational illnesses. A kindergarten is provided for the children of women workers, and during 1957, 600 flats were built by the plant to house some of the workers, the planned figure for this year being 1,000.

A piece-work system is operated in the manufacturing shops, and the average earnings are 950 roubles* per month. The lowest-paid workers receive 650 roubles per month, and many earn as much as 2,500 to 3,000 roubles per month. In comparing these wage rates with earnings in this country, allowance should be made for the facilities that are available free in the Soviet Union, which include education, medical services, rest homes and retirement pensions. As in this country, cheap catering is provided in Russian factories, and at the Z.I.L. plant there are 16 canteens where complete meals can be obtained, and 15 buffets for snacks and drinks. In the canteens, it may be noted, the cost of a main meal ranges from 3½ to 5 roubles.

PRODUCTION FACILITIES

Most of the production equipment in the plant is of British, German or American origin, although Russian-built machines are now being installed in large numbers. There are four tool-rooms, with a total of 3,000 workers, and the plant builds the bulk of the special-purpose equipment required. In one tool-room which was passed through during our visit there were 1,200 employees, engaged principally in the construction of special machine tools. This department, which was well equipped and had many British-built machines, was arranged in bays with overhead travelling gantry cranes serving each bay. Among the equipment that was being built at the time of our visit may be mentioned a large shaping machine for use in the repair shop, an automatic submerged-arc welding machine, a twin-head hobbing machine, a 2-head machine for a planetary milling operation on components for universal joints, and the semi-automatic machine seen in Fig. 1.

This machine provides for drilling a number of holes in a cast housing and has an indexing table with six work-stations. At each station there is an air-operated fixture, which is controlled by a lever-actuated valve at one side of the fixture body. There are four drilling heads, of a standardized design, the spindle of each head being driven through gearing from an electric motor, and advanced and withdrawn by a built-in hydraulic cylinder. The head movements are controlled by means of limit-switches and trip dogs. As may be seen, two of the heads are mounted on vertical columns, and the third is supported on an angle base, between the legs of the left-hand

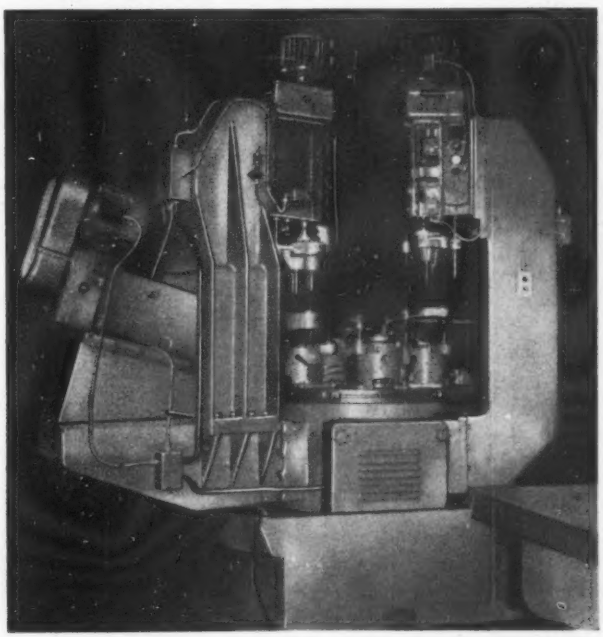

Fig. 1. A special-purpose multi-station drilling machine which has been built in one of the tool-rooms of the Z. I. Likhachjov Automobile Works, Moscow

* The standard rate of exchange is 11 roubles to £1, but it is considered by many authorities that, for the comparison of wages and prices in the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain, a rate of approximately 35 roubles to £1 is more realistic.

Fig. 2. This equipment has been specially developed for brazing tungsten carbide tips to the bits for inserted tooth milling cutters at the Z.I.L. works

column, which is of bifurcated construction. The fourth head is also mounted on an angle base, and is located at the rear of the machine, at the side of the right-hand column. Multi-spindle adapters are fitted to the vertical heads, and the angularly-disposed heads drive single tools.

Associated with the tool-rooms are well-equipped standards and viewing rooms, with measuring machines and other units of British, American, German and Soviet make, the Russian machines, it was stated, being capable of measuring to an accuracy of 0·001 mm. (0·00004 in.). There is a special section for the production of special-purpose cutting tools, among which may be mentioned broaches and inserted-tooth hobs. The tool-making shops are served by a large heat-treatment department, where there is a section for brazing carbide-tipped tools, and it may be noted that all tools of this type that are required are made by the plant.

A worker is seen in Fig. 2 engaged in brazing tips to tool bits for inserted tooth milling cutters. Shanks for the tool bits are made in one of the Z.I.L. tool-rooms, and the tungsten carbide tips are supplied by another Soviet plant. High-frequency induction heating is employed for brazing, the current being supplied from a generator unit in the background. From this unit, a water-cooled coil projects over a circular work-table which is supported on a floor-mounted pillar. The table is driven continuosly at a slow speed, drive being transmitted from an f.h.p. motor, through reduction gearing, to a vertical spindle which carries a friction roller in contact with the table rim. Tool shanks are positioned radially on the table by the operator, who places a shim of brazing metal and a carbide tip on the seating in the shank. The assembly is carried automatically under the heating coil as the table rotates and the operator applies pressure to the tip with an insulated hand tool. Fumes formed during brazing are removed by a duct, above the heating coil, which is connected to an exhaust system. It may be of interest to note that on account of the nature of his work, the operator is supplied with extra milk free, and has four weeks holiday each year.

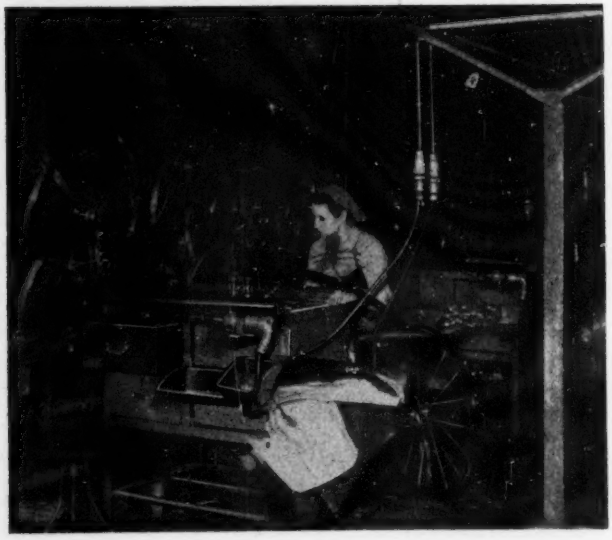

Fig. 3. The wheel building section of the bicycle production department at the Z.I.L. works. Bicycles are being produced at the rate of 460,000 per year

BICYCLE DEPARTMENT

The bicycles produced at the Z.I.L. works are of the conventional light roadster type, and are assembled in a long bay of one of the main shops.

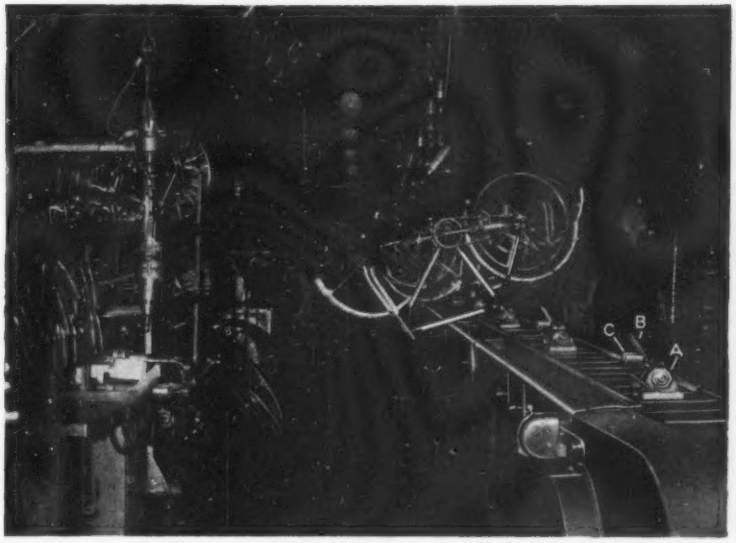

Fig. 4. Bicycles are assembled with the frames held in special fixtures on a constantly-moving slat conveyor, female operators being employed for this work

A view of the starting end of the assembly bay, given in Fig. 3, shows the wheel-building section. It should be pointed out that a lunch break was in progress at the time that the photographs of this department were taken. Wheels are built at special double-sided benches, of welded steel construction, and rims, delivered from an adjoining shop, are hung on a crooked arm that projects from the bench at each operating position. Each bench incorporates trays for storing hub shells, spokes and nipples, and a power-driven screwdriver, with a shrouded bit, is mounted on a bracket at one side. This driver is connected by cable, plug and socket to a floor-mounted support frame at one side. Rollers are mounted on a shaft at the top of the bench at each side, and for the building operations the operator supports the lower side of a rim on her lap, and rests its upper side on the rollers, which facilitate rotation. She then inserts spokes into the hub and rim, turning the work as she does so, and fitting the nipples to the ends of the spokes that project beyond the rim. When all the spokes and nipples have been fitted, she turns the wheel and moves it sideways to present each nipple in turn to the power driver, and runs the nipple on to the spoke to a position determined by eye. The wheel assembly is then placed in a gravity feed chute at the side of the bench, and it passes to a truing station, and thence to benches at which the tyres are fitted. Completed wheel assemblies are loaded into stillages, and are transferred to the appropriate station of the frame assembly line.

Frame assembly is carried out along a slat conveyor, the discharge end of which is shown in Fig. 4. The conveyor is positioned at a comfortable working height, and on every eighth slat is mounted an adjustable fixture, as indicated at *A*. Each fixture has a work-support, which consists of circular plate with a spigot *B* and a U-shaped member *C*. A frame is loaded into each work-support with its bottom bracket uppermost, and the down tube is passed over the spigot *B*, the top tube of the frame resting in the member *C*, which is lined to prevent damage to the paint. The complete work-support can pivot on a block in the fixture, and the block can be rotated in a plane at 90 deg. to the plane of rotation of the support. With this arrangement, the bicycle frame can be positioned at any angle, within a wide range, on either side of the conveyor, to suit the assembly operations that are being performed. Portable electric screwdrivers and nut-runners are suspended from self-coiling reels above the conveyor, which moves continuously at a slow speed.

On reaching the end of the assembly conveyor the frame is removed, and at this stage wheels, mudguards, chain-wheel set, pedals and chain have been fitted. The handle-bars and saddle sub-assemblies are built-up at bench stations to one side of the conveyor, and are fitted to the partly-assembled bicycle before it is hung on an overhead monorail conveyor, which passes through the final assembly section of the bicycle department.

OMNIBUS BUILDING FACILITIES

Two types of motor buses are built at the Likhachjov works, namely the Z.I.L.-158 for local urban duties, and the Z.I.L.-127 for inter-city operation, the latter being shown in Fig. 5. The two vehicles are of basically similar design, but the type Z.I.L.-158 has seats for 40 passengers, where-

Fig. 5. A Z.I.L.-127 omnibus for inter-city operation. Powered by a 6-cylinder diesel engine at the rear, this bus will accommodate 32 passengers and has "sleeperette" type seats

as the Z.I.L.-127 accommodates 32 passengers, and is equipped with "sleeperette" seats which have lever-controlled, adjustable backs. Both types are of integral construction, with rear-mounted engines, and air is ducted from the engine, also from the radiator at the front, to warm the interior. Cooling air is drawn from ventilators on the roof. The engine is mounted transversely and is coupled to the differential of the rear axle by means of an angularly-disposed propeller shaft. Semi-elliptical springs support the rear axle, which is of the fully floating type with two pairs of road wheels. An automatic four speed gearbox is fitted. The 6-cylinder diesel engine has a stroke of 127 mm. (5 in.), and a compression ratio of 16, the cylinders have a bore of 108 mm. (4·25 in.), and at 2,000 r.p.m., the engine is rated at 180 h.p.

A general view of the finishing line for Z.I.L.-158 buses is given in Fig. 6. The building in which this line is housed is of similar construction to those described in the article on the Moscow ball bearing plant*. Bodies, of steel sheet construction, are built in an adjoining shop, and pass through a 7-stage painting sequence, before they are mounted on the aluminium underframes, at the start of the finishing line. Underframes are built on a line parallel to the finishing line, and sub-assemblies are fed from stations at the side of the main line.

MOTOR LORRY ASSEMBLY

There are two assembly lines for motor lorries, one of which provides for building 6-wheel, and the other for 4-wheel, vehicles. Both lorries are of rugged design, and the 4-wheel type Z.I.L.-164 is fitted with a 6-cylinder petrol engine which develops 100 h.p. at 2,800 r.p.m. The cylinders are of 101·6 mm. (4 in.) bore, with a stroke of 114·3 mm. (4·5 in.), and the compression ratio is 6·2. The gearbox provides a reverse and five forward speeds, and the maximum speed with the full load of 4 tons is 46 m.p.h. The Z.I.L.-151 6-wheel lorry, shown in Fig. 7, is fitted with a 6-cylinder diesel engine of 95 h.p. (at 2,800 r.p.m.). It has five forward and one reverse gears, with optional drive to the front axle. Air brakes are fitted to all wheels, and the front axle and rear bogie are mounted on semi-elliptical springs, with double acting shock absorbers. A sheet-steel cab and wooden after-body are mounted on a steel frame, and the approximate measurements of the load platform are 12 ft. long, 7 ft. wide and 4 ft. high (unloaded). With the full rated load of 4½ tons, the maximum speed is 37 m.p.h.

Each lorry assembly line has a constantly-moving floor conveyor, to which engines are delivered by overhead conveyor from the main test bay of the engine assembly section. The engines are transferred from the delivery conveyor to a mono-rail loop, with individually controlled, electric travelling hoists. One of the longer sides of this loop is located above the chassis assembly conveyor, so that engines are supported by the travelling hoists while they are being positioned in their mountings on the chassis. Wheels, with the tyres in position, are also delivered to the assembly conveyor by overhead monorails, and when the wheels have been fitted, the partly-assembled chassis passes off the conveyor whereon it has been built, and is supported by its wheels on twin slat conveyors in the shop floor.

Cab sub-assemblies are delivered to a transfer station at one side of the twin slat conveyors, and are fed to the line with the aid of a special over-

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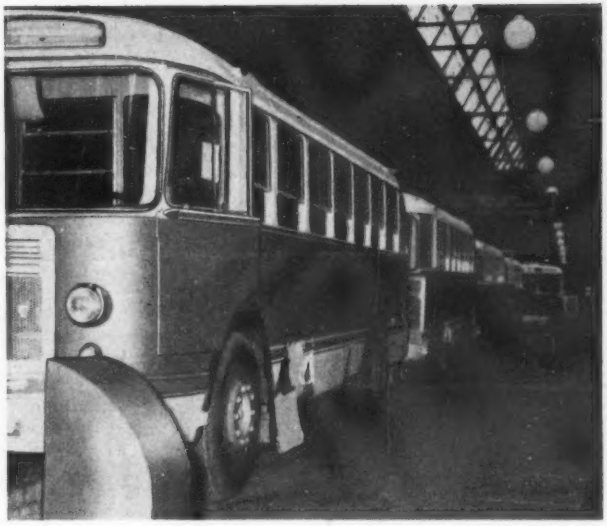


Fig. 6. Part of the assembly line for Z.I.L.-158 buses which are intended for city operation, and have seats for 40 passengers. These buses have sheet steel bodies on aluminium underframes

head hoist arrangement. Rails carrying an electrically-driven bogie extend from above the transfer station over the assembly line, and a power-operated traversing hoist is mounted below the main cross-beam of the bogie. The arrangement is such that the bogie can be moved over the transfer station, with the hoist at one end of the beam. When a cab has been lifted, the bogie is traversed to position the cab over the assembly line. Then the cab is lowered on to a lorry chassis, and, as it moves with the chassis, it is supported by the hoist, which travels along the beam of the bogie, while the initial fixing bolts are fitted and tightened.

At the end of each assembly line, completed lorries pass through a final inspection bay, whence they are driven into a spray painting booth, where any small defects are "touched up." From the booth, they pass out of the shop through two pairs of doors at one end. The doors are spaced sufficiently far apart to allow a lorry to be stopped between them, and are controlled by push buttons. This arrangement forms an air trap, which substantially reduces the dissipation of heat from the building in cold weather.

ENGINE PRODUCTION

In the machining section of the plant there are 16 transfer lines for operations on cylinder blocks, gearbox cases, differential housings and similar parts. The transfer machines in these lines are of conventional in-line type, with standardized unit heads, and a general view of one of the machines for cylinder blocks is given in Fig. 8. Cylinder blocks are delivered to the end of the line and are loaded into fixtures on two large American-built drum-type machines, which provide for rough and semi-finish milling the seating faces for the cylinder head and sump. From these machines, the blocks are fed into the first group of transfer machines (which includes that shown in Fig. 8). It may be mentioned here that the cylinder blocks are not mounted on platens for the machining operations on the transfer

Fig. 7. The Z.I.L.-151, 6-wheel lorry, which is powered by a 6-cylinder diesel engine of 95 h.p. A 5-speed and reverse gearbox is fitted, and drive to the front wheels is optional

Fig. 8. One of the transfer machines installed at the Z.I.L. works for the machining of cylinder blocks for 6-cylinder diesel engines

lines, but are moved from station to station with their head or sump faces in direct contact with the transfer ways.

The blocks pass through the first group of machines with their longitudinal axes at 90 deg. to the direction of motion, in order that machining operations may be performed on the end surfaces. On leaving the first group of machines, the blocks are swung through 90 deg. by hand, and pass through the second section of the line with their longitudinal axes aligned with the direction of motion, while operations are carried out on the sides and upper faces, as may be seen in Fig. 9. Blocks are moved through the machines by hydraulically- operated shuttle bars, and each machine is provided with chutes which direct swarf into a floor trough, wherein it is moved by a scraper chain to a convenient discharge point. Here, it is carried upwards by conveyor and deposited in a bin, which is removed by a fork-lift truck when full.

All the motions of the transfer machines are hydraulically powered, and the fixtures at the various work stations are fitted with hydraulic clamping arrangements. The various moving elements are controlled and interlocked by means of trip dogs, limit switches and solenoid-operated valves. Individual control panels are provided at each station, and there is an over-riding control pedestal for each machine.

The engine assembly arrangements are conventional, and a view of part of the assembly line for 6-cylinder units is shown in Fig. 10. Assembly is carried out with the cylinder block mounted on a pallet

Fig. 9. Another of the transfer machines for diesel engine cylinder blocks. The machines are of the in-line type, of conventional design, incorporating standardized machining units

fixture, and the fixtures are moved continuously, at a slow speed, along a chain conveyor, at a convenient working height above the shop floor.

FOUNDRY FACILITIES

There are four foundries at the Likhachjov plant, and the output of iron castings exceeds 400 tons per day. Pistons are cast in sprays which provide a complete set for one engine. The moulds for these sprays are made on a battery of jolt-squeeze machines, to which sand is supplied by overhead ducting. Completed moulds, in special flasks, are transferred by conveyor to the pouring section of the foundry.

The main section of the foundry contains a large conveyorized core-making shop, which occupies a complete building. Cores are carried by conveyor through a drying oven at one end of the building, and thence into the adjoining assembly bay, where they are placed in moulds that are on their way to the pouring section. In addition to the piston ring line mentioned, there are six main casting lines, four of which provide for the production of medium-weight, one for heavy, and one for light castings. Cylinder blocks are produced on the heavy line, and the cores are delivered to an assembly section by overhead conveyor. The conveyor and assembly section are parallel to a line of large moulding machines, and the various cores for the cylinder block are delivered in sets. Between the conveyor and the moulding machines there are air operated assembly fixtures, which are attended by teams of three operators.

A complete set of cores is assembled in the fixture, clamped together, and then transferred, by an air-operated grab and overhead hoist, to a mould, which has been produced at the adjacent machine during the assembly operations. Male operators are employed in the medium and heavy casting sections, but there is a high proportion of women in the core-making and light casting departments.

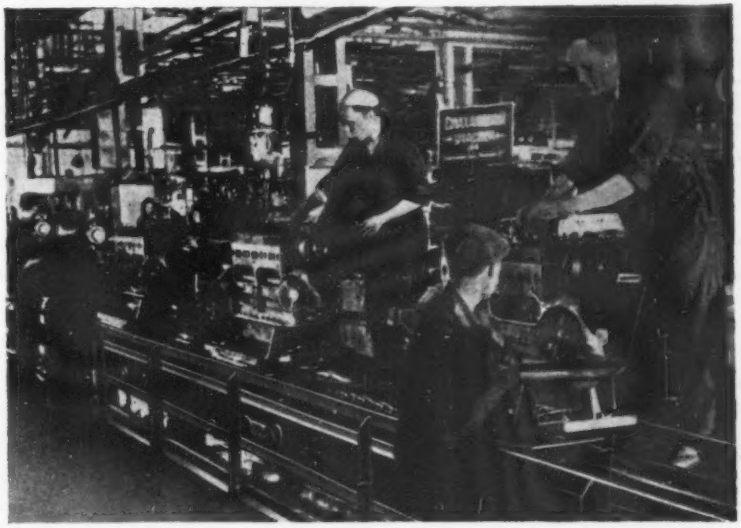


Fig. 10. The assembly line for Z.I.L. 6-cylinder diesel engines which adjoins the machining bay

FORGING DEPARTMENT

The extensive forging department is equipped with Soviet and foreign presses and hammers, some of which have been designed and built by the Likhachjov plant, and we were informed that more than 350 tons of forgings are produced daily. At the time of our visit, crankshafts were being forged on a group of Erie steam hammers. The hammers were connected by overhead monorail conveyors, and the heated billets and partly-finished forgings were transferred from one hammer to the next by hand, supported by hangers from the conveyor. A monorail on the outlet side of the last hammer in the group connected with an extensive chain conveyor, to which the finished forgings were transferred for cooling. We were informed that the Erie hammers were shortly to be replaced by Russian-built forging presses of the Maxipres type, with capacities of 1,000, 2,000, 3,000 and 4,000 tons.

Most of the forging presses installed are provided with chain-plate conveyors on to which forgings are ejected for transfer to workbins. In many instances, automatic high-frequency units are installed adjacent to the smaller presses for billet heating, and a typical installation is shown in Fig. 11. This equipment serves a National Maxipres, and was designed and built in the plant. The generating and control gear for the high-frequency current are housed in the cabinet *A*, and

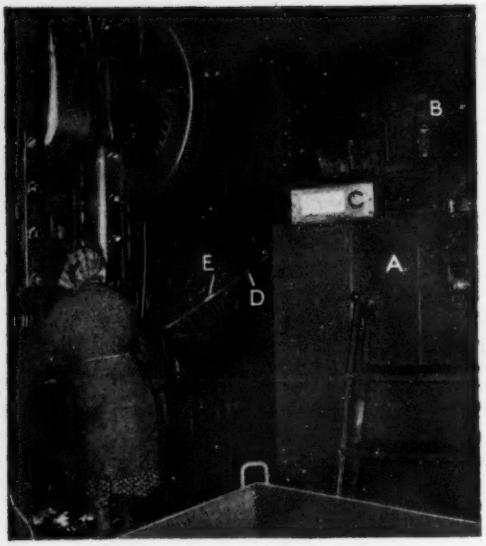


Fig. 11. This automatic billet heating installation has been developed by the Z.I.L. engineers and is installed alongside a National Maxipres

billets are loaded into the hopper *B*. From the bottom of the hopper, billets are fed in succession, by a motor-driven ram, through the heating chamber *C*. As each billet is ejected from the chamber, it passes into a chute *D*, which delivers it to a position in front of the lower forging die, and a billet may be seen at *E* during its passage down the chute. The press runs continuously, and the operator transfers the hot billets from the loading position into the die with the aid of tongs. The billets are approximately 1 in. diameter by 2 in. long, and with this set-up, forgings are produced at the rate of 6,000 per day.

There is a battery of Z.I.L. steam hammers, arranged alongside belt conveyors, for the production of spanner forgings, and large numbers of Z.I.L. board hammers are employed for forging operations associated with small parts.

LENINGRAD STEEL ROLLING PLANT

Before the second world war, most of the Soviet engineering plants were located in the Moscow and Leningrad areas, and in spite of the decentralization policy which has been applied during the post-war years, and extensive factory building programmes that have been carried out in other parts of the Soviet Union, these areas are still of major industrial importance. Leningrad has been associated with shipbuilding for some hundreds of years, and even in czarist days a number of heavy industrial plants was established in the city and its neighbourhood. Many of these factories were subsidiaries of foreign companies, and among such works may be mentioned the Leningrad Steel Rolling Plant. The plant was originally established just over 100 years ago and, before the revolution, was owned by a Franco-Belgian organization. At that time, it was engaged in the manufacture of nails, wood screws and barrel hoops, but has been employed for steel rolling and similar work since 1920.

The products of the Leningrad plant include hot rolled steel rod, in diameters ranging from 100 to 6 mm. (3·937 to 0·236 in.), for a variety of purposes including the production of ropes, needles and springs; cold drawn steel wire in diameters from 6 to 0·15 mm. (0·236 to 0·0059 in.); steel wire rope and cable in diameters from 80 to 0·8 mm. (3·149 to 0·031 in.); and covered rope and cable. After the second world war, the production of cold-rolled steel strip and steel spring strip was initiated, and special rolling equipment was developed for the plant by the Central Research Institute of Technology and Machine Building (TsNIITMASh), Moscow*. Cold rolled strip is now being produced in thicknesses ranging from 3 to 0·03 mm. (0·118 to 0·0012 in.), and in widths from 250 to 2 mm. (9·843 to 0·079 in.), in a variety of steels, including high carbon types. Strip is supplied, for example, to the electrical industry and for the production of razor blades. All steel for razor blade strip is provided by Soviet steel plants, and although other Soviet works are now producing this strip, the Leningrad plant remains the principal source. The plant meets the demands for springs from the whole of the Russian watch and clock industry, and supplies springs with strip thicknesses ranging from 1 to 0·08 mm. (0·039 to 0·003 in.). In addition, the rolling of special stainless steel and brass sections is undertaken, and bolts and nuts are produced in thread sizes from 16 to 6 mm. (0·629 to 0·236 in.).

All the raw materials used by the Leningrad works are obtained from other Soviet plants. For hot rolling operations, steel is usually received in the form of billets approximately 4 in. square by 8 ft. long, and for cold rolling, coiled strip is supplied by a plant in the Urals. The total output of the plant is more than 150,000 tons per year, and there are about 4,000 employees, including those in the tool-rooms, machine and electrical maintenance departments, and the laboratories.

* The work of this institute was described in MACHINERY, 93/456-27/8/58.

Much of the equipment is fairly old, and is of both Soviet and foreign origin. The nut and bolt machines are of Soviet design and construction, and the wire-drawing and cable-making machines were supplied from East Germany. Demag hot-rolling mills are used, and were installed in 1928. These mills and their auxiliary equipment have been modernized and extensively mechanized. Wherever possible, the older foreign machines are gradually being replaced by new Russian-built equipment, and a modernization and mechanization programme is being carried out, whereby it is planned to double the output of the plant. Any major reorganization is rendered difficult because space is severely limited for a number of reasons, among which may be noted the restrictions on new factory building in the area, and the fact that the plant is built on a small island (that forms part of the Neva delta). Because of the situation, all raw material and finished products must be transported by road, and space restrictions impose particular difficulties with regard to storage.

As in other Soviet plants, extensive welfare services are maintained, and the plant has its own polyclinic with 35 beds, and X-ray and other facilities. Housing accommodation has been provided for the workers, and in the period from 1950-1956, accommodation with a total floor area of 83,400 sq. ft. was built by the plant. Within the plant area, there is a workers' club with lecture rooms and a theatre which seats 800.

During our visit we were supplied with figures relating to the production of the plant, and in 1946, the total output had a value of 34,400,000 roubles. Taking the 1946 figure as 100 per cent, the value of the plant's output had increased to 367 per cent in 1950, to 671 per cent in 1955, and to 758 per cent in 1956. If productivity in 1946 was 100, the corresponding values for 1950, 1955 and 1956 were 210, 368 and 417. During the years from 1951 to 1955, the plant made a total profit of 278,100,000 roubles (55,620,000 roubles annual average), and the profit for the year 1956 was 54,100,000 roubles.

HOT ROLLING DEPARTMENT

Considerable progress has been made in the mechanization of the hot rolling department. Billets are stacked in a cradle adjacent to a large oil-fired furnace, which, it may be noted, is to be converted next year for firing by natural gas. From the stack, billets are picked up, one at a time, by means of an electro-magnet attached to an overhead travelling hoist, and are deposited on the loading tray of the furnace. Each billet is then thrust by a ram into the furnace with its longitudinal axis at 90 deg. to the direction of motion. As a billet is pushed into the furnace, a hot billet is discharged from the other end, and is thrust endwise by a second ram towards the first rolling mill.

This mill is of the 2-high type, and the billet makes seven passes, after which it is delivered to a cropping machine, where it is cut to length, under operator control. The lengths of rod thus produced are fed automatically to the first of a group of five 3-stage Demag vertical rolling mills. As the hot rod leaves the last stage of each of the first three mills, it is directed by a curved trough to the entry stage of the next. Thus, the first nine passes are completed automatically, and similar transfer arrangements are to be provided on the remaining mills in the near future.

A throughput of 100 to 200 tons per shift is maintained, and, from the last mill, the hot rolled rod is fed to an automatic coiling unit. When a coil has been completed, it is dropped into a cooling vat, from which it is lifted by a tilting grid in the bottom of a vat and transferred to the hook of an overhead chain conveyor. The movement of the grid is controlled by push-buttons on an adjacent pedestal. Hung from the conveyor, each coil is carried out of the rolling department into the open air, and here the conveyor follows a path which includes a series of parallel hairpin bends in the horizontal plane, with a total length exceeding 600 yds., to provide for final cooling.

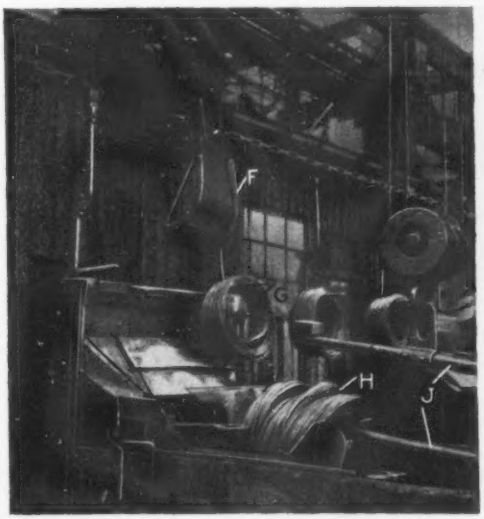


Fig. 12. The unloading arrangements for the conveyor carrying coils of hot-rolled steel rod at the Leningrad Steel Rolling Plant

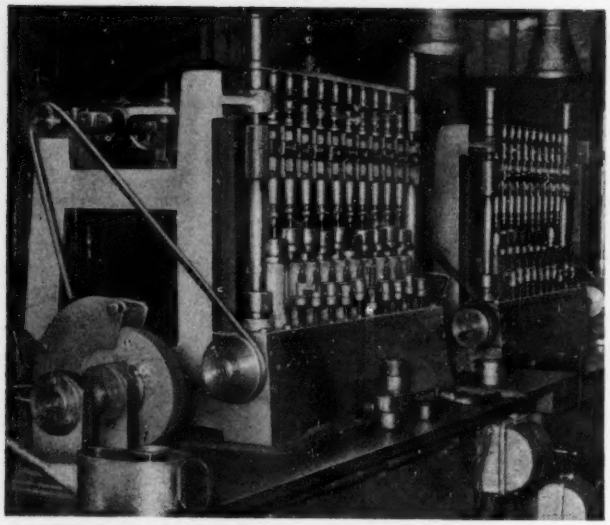


Fig. 13. Some of the 10-station machines developed for finishing tungsten carbide drawing dies at the Leningrad plant

CONVEYOR UNLOADING ARRANGEMENTS

At the end of the cooling run, the conveyor passes above an unloading bay, also outside the building, and a view of this bay is given in Fig. 12. There is a series of stacking troughs, as may be seen in the foreground, and above each trough, a swinging arm, as indicated at *F*. The coils of wire, suspended from the conveyor hooks, pass in front of the vertical walls of the stacking troughs, and a coil during this stage of its travel is seen at *G*. A dog on the roller carrier of the hook trips a limit switch, and, by means of a solenoid valve and a hydraulic cylinder, the arm *F* is swung inwards. At the bottom of the curved portion of the arm there is a horizontal steel bar which contacts the conveyor hook and thrusts it towards the rear of the stacking trough. During this movement, the coil of wire is restrained by the vertical wall of the trough, so that the hook passes through the coil, and the latter drops into the trough, between a fixed and a moving support. Coils between the supports may be seen at *H*. When a sufficient number of coils of wire has accumulated between the supports, they are picked up by an overhead gantry crane. Suspended from the hook of the crane is a hairpin-shaped lifting fork *J*. The lower prong of this fork is inserted through the stack of coils, until the closed end contacts the foremost coil. Then, the complete stack can be lifted readily and transported to the stores. A counterbalance weight is welded to the end of the upper fork, and once the stack of coils has been removed, the hook resumes the setting shown, in readiness for the next stack to be loaded.

Drawn wire is produced from hot rolled rod of 6 mm. (0·236 in.) diameter. The rod is first descaled, then dried and normalized, before it is copper plated in readiness for the drawing operations. The drawing department occupies two floors of one of the buildings of the plant, and coarse drawing operations are performed on the ground floor, the wire produced ranging down to 0·8 mm. (0·031 in.) diameter. Fine wires, down to 0·16 mm. (0·0063 in.) diameter, are produced in five stage machines on the first floor. Most of the drawing equipment is fairly old, and of British or German origin, but it is being replaced by new Russian equipment. In the same building there are seven oil-fired and two electric annealing furnaces, also electrically heated baths of molten sodium nitrate (at 300 deg. C.) for tempering. Sodium nitrate is used instead of lead since there is a shortage of this metal in the Soviet Union, also because lead fumes are injurious. All the furnaces and heating equipment are automatically controlled, and there is a battery of recording temperature regulators housed in a separate room adjoining the annealing department.

PRODUCING CARBIDE DRAWING DIES

Tungsten carbide dies are employed for all the drawing operations and there is a large department for the production of these dies at the Leningrad plant, it being the usual practice in the Soviet Union for each wire drawing plant to have its own die production facilities. Tungsten carbide is supplied in the form of circular slugs by a Russian factory, and each slug is supplied with the entry and exit throats already formed, also with a fine circular hole pierced. The slug is inserted in a cylindrical steel chase, and the hole is opened out to the required size by lapping on 10-station bench machines, some of which are shown in Fig. 13.

For round holes, the lapping tool takes the form of a steel needle of circular cross-section, and it is rotated while a suspension of boron carbide in oil is applied by hand to the upper throat of the

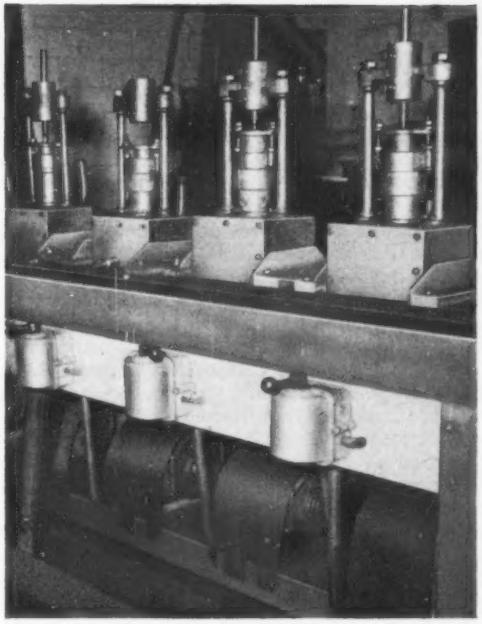


Fig. 14. These machines are employed for finishing the apertures in dies for the production of square and other non-circular sections

die, which serves as a reservoir. Each slug, in its chase, is mounted in a holder at the upper end of a ram which is free to slide in a vertical cylindrical bearing mounted on the base of the machine. The ram is oscillated by the action of a camshaft in the base, and this camshaft is connected to a driving motor at the rear by pulleys and a V-belt. Each ram is provided with independent adjustment for height. The V-belt also serves to drive a layshaft that spans the upper part of the machine frame, at the rear, and the drive is transmitted from the layshaft by pulleys and cord loops to the vertical lapping spindles. These spindles are adjustably mounted in a frame at the front of the machine, and each has a collet chuck at its lower end to hold the lapping tool. The frame is free to slide on vertical guide pillars. Dies with apertures ranging from 14 to 0·16 mm. (0·55 to 0·0063 in.) are finished on machines of the type described, and the time required to finish a circular hole of 2 mm. (0·079 in.) diameter is 2 hours.

Machines of a different type are employed for finishing the holes in drawing dies for square or special sections, and part of a battery of these machines is seen in Fig. 14. The machines are bench mounted, and each has a single ram whereon the die is clamped by means of a swinging plate and two studs. This ram is urged downwards by a pair of powerful springs, and is oscillated at a rate of 300 strokes per min. by a camshaft in the base of the machine. Drive is transmitted to the camshaft from an electric motor, mounted below the bench, through reduction gearing, V-belt and pulleys, and the motor is controlled by a lever-operated switch at the front of the bench. A lapping tool, consisting of a length of rod with its lower end ground to the required profile, is clamped by two set-screws in the integral sleeve of a bridge member which is supported above the work ram on pillars.

A well-equipped inspection department adjoins the die finishing shop, and a variety of optical instruments

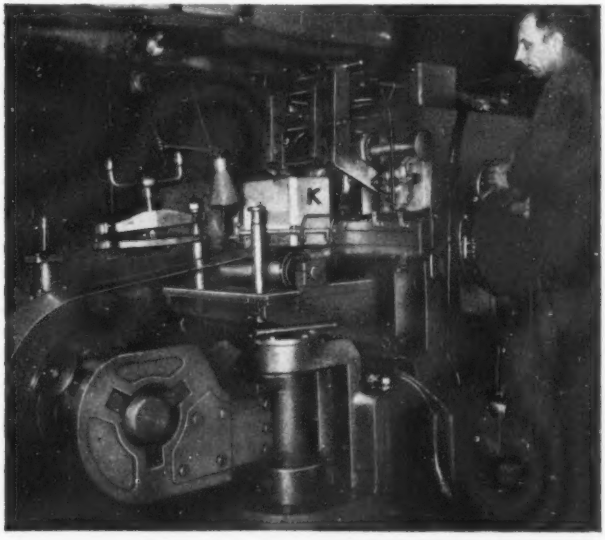


Fig. 15. This rolling mill designed and built by the TsNIITMASh research institute incorporates measuring equipment which makes use of radio-active strontium

and a projector are installed, all of which are of Russian manufacture.

COLD ROLLING DEPARTMENT

Mills of various sizes are installed in the cold rolling department, and the largest machine was supplied by the Davy and United Engineering Company Limited. This machine was installed in 1939, and we were informed that it has been operating with complete satisfaction since that date, and is still considered to be very efficient. Among the Russian-built equipment employed in this department is the mill seen in Fig. 15, which was designed and built by the TsNIITMASh institute.

This mill is of the Sendzimir type, and at the time of our visit was engaged in the production of razor blade material. A very high rolling pressure is employed, and a reduction of 30 per cent per pass is obtained. The total reduction in thickness is 75 per cent, and the rolling speed is 6 metres (19·7 ft.) per sec. Measurement of the strip thickness during rolling is effected by the use of the radio-active isotope strontium 90. A sensing head is provided at each side of the machine, as indicated at *K*, and is mounted on a sliding carriage so that it can readily be moved clear of the strip. Each head is connected to a large dial-type instrument on the control pedestal in front of the mill. This instrument has a dial of approximately 12 in. diameter, with two pointers and concentric scales. The outer scale, and its associated pointer, are coloured black, and indicate the nominal size of the strip in 0·01 mm. (0·00039 in.) units. Calibrated in 0·001 mm. (0·00004 in.) increments, and coloured red, the inner dial and hand indicate the variation of the strip thickness, within the tolerance indicated by adjustable markers.

Fig. 16. A small multi-slide machine for forming the loops in watch springs in the special department at the Leningrad Steel Rolling Plant

At the time of our visit, a new mill was being installed for rolling strip at speed up to 10 metres (32·8 ft.) per sec. This machine was designed by the TsNIITMASh institute, and has been built by the Starakromatorski plant in the Dombas region. It will be provided with fully automatic control by a computer, and a special annexe was being built on to the cold rolling department to house the computer and its associated control equipment.

Among the auxiliary services for the rolling department may be noted a large battery of electric furnaces for annealing and normalizing treatment in a neutral atmosphere. These furnaces are housed in a building which is separated from the rolling shop by a store for raw and finished material. Adjacent to the stores there is a large slitting section with disc cutting machines, most of which cut at a speed of 3 metres (9·8 ft.) per sec.

MAKING WATCH AND CLOCK SPRINGS

As has already been mentioned, an important activity of the Leningrad Steel Rolling Plant is the production of watch and clock springs, and the plant has an output of 25 million such springs each year. The springs are made in a self-contained department of the plant, and special attention is paid to the maintenance of clean working conditions. Much of the work is carried out by female operators, either by hand or with the aid of small bench-mounted machines and fixtures, in a spacious, well-lit workshop. Adjoining this shop is a small re-rolling department where the spring strip is produced from wire, and the work material passes in succession through three rolling mills. The rolled strip is cut into lengths on small mechanically-operated presses in an adjoining room, and the lengths of strip are transferred in batches to the main spring-making department.

In this department, the operators are seated along both sides of long benches, and the work is passed in batches from one operator to the next. One of the first operations on certain springs is to anneal the ends of each length of strip in readiness for piercing and forming. Annealing is carried out by placing each end of the strip on a piece of

Fig. 17. The strength of watch springs is tested against a tension spring of known characteristics with the aid of this bench-mounted unit

heated steel bar that projects from an electrical muffle furnace. The strip is held in contact with the bar for a short period, the length of which is determined by the judgment of the operator. Batches of annealed strips are then passed to an operator who tends a small bench-mounted power press. This press is fitted with a compound tool whereby a circular hole is pierced at one end of the strip and a rectangular slot at the other. Following this operation, the strips are subjected to a visual inspection operation.

A loop is formed in the end pierced with a rectangular slot at an adjacent bench station, which is provided with a small multi-slide press as seen in Fig. 16. The slides of this machine are spring-loaded and are thrust towards the work by cams on a shaft at the rear of the unit. This camshaft is driven through a V-belt and pulleys by a motor below the bench, and runs continuously.

Springs are coiled on bench-mounted hand-operated units, and if the strip is not of the requisite quality it breaks during this operation. Each spring is coiled within a wire ring, and after it has been completely wound into a tight coil, it is allowed to expand to fill the ring, before both ring and spring are removed from the equipment as a unit. Batches of coiled springs are placed in plastics containers, immersed in oil, and then left for 5 days. At the end of this period, the springs are removed, and the un-formed end of each is pushed out of the coil (which is still held in the wire ring), and the catch piece is riveted on.

Next, the springs are tested against a tension spring of known rating by means of the bench rig seen in Fig. 17. After the retaining wire ring has been removed, the spring to be tested is mounted on the end of a horizontal mandrel, and the loop at its inner end is engaged with a driving peg. A tension spring, suspended from a vertical pillar, is coupled to the catch piece at the outer end of the spring, and the mandrel is rotated for a predetermined number of turns. The extension of the tension spring is then measured by noting the position of a disc type indicator (fitted to the lower end of the tension spring) in relation to a scale on the column. Finally, the tension spring is disconnected, the spring that has been tested is wound

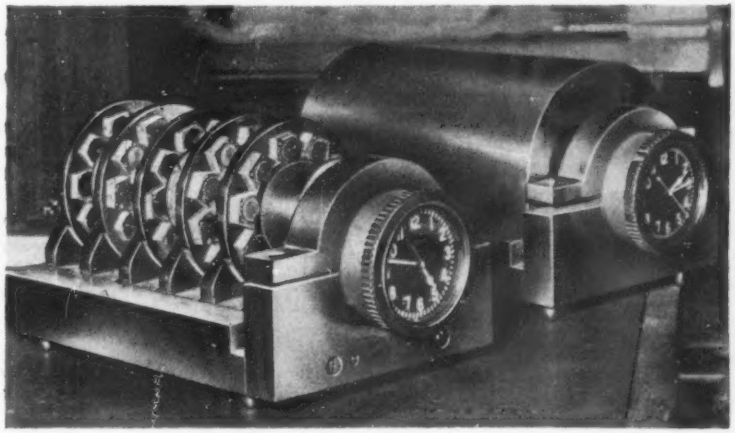


Fig. 18. Special rigs have been developed by the Leningrad plant for testing the driving springs of wrist watches. Fifty springs are tested simultaneously, and are geared to drive a clock movement on each rig

tight, and the wire ring is re-fitted. If the tension of the spring is incorrect, it is adjusted by bending the inner end by hand, with the aid of a pair of pliers, and the test operator also completes the forming of the hook shape at the inner end of the coil.

Tested springs are packed in metal trays, and them immersed in oil at 100 deg. C., in order to provide an anti-corrosive film. Each spring is subsequently packed in a separate envelope, and the envelopes are stacked in oiled-paper lined tins which hold 5,000 springs. When each tin has been filled, the lid is soldered on, and the tins are packed in wood boxes for transport.

Associated with the watch spring department is a large laboratory which is concerned with the development of new designs of springs, also with the control of production quality. Certain wrist-watch main springs, we were informed, have been under test continuously for 10 years. In general, sample wrist-watch main springs are life tested for five years in special rigs, such as those shown in Fig. 18. Both rigs are of similar design, but the cover has been removed from the unit in the foreground in order that details of the interior may be observed. Fifty springs are tested simultaneously, and each is fitted in a cartridge, as it would be in an actual watch. There are five circular work-carrying plates, and each plate has provisions for mounting ten cartridges. The teeth cut on the periphery of each cartridge mesh with an inner gear—forming a sun and planet system—and the combined power of all the 50 springs under test is transmitted through the gear system to drive the clock mounted at the front of the rig. By checking the time of the clock at regular intervals, the failure of any spring is readily detected. The springs are removed at monthly intervals and their characteristics are checked.

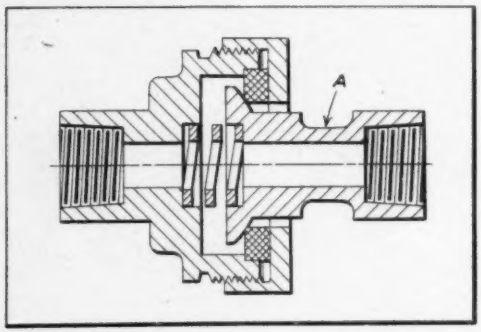
Equipment has also been developed for checking six clock springs simultaneously, and is employed principally for testing springs of new design. The springs are wound and unwound repeatedly, and the number of winding operations is indicated by a counter. If any of the springs should fail, a signal lamp on the test rig is lit. It is claimed that the strains imposed on the springs when tested in this rig are about three times as great as would be involved in normal use.

In the concluding article in this series, which will be published shortly in MACHINERY, reference will be made to two other plants in Leningrad, namely, the Metallic turbine works, and the Electrosila electrical factory.

Hilyn Self-sealing Swivel Joints for Pipes

Hilyn Industrial Equipment, Ltd., Lockfield Avenue, Brimsdown, Enfield, Middlesex, have recently placed on the market a self-sealing swivel joint piece for pipe lines, which is the subject of a patent application.

As will be seen in the accompanying sectional view, the swivel-portion *A*, has a mushroom-shaped flange at its inner end, which is held in close contact with a P.T.F.E. sealing ring by a compression spring, housed in pockets in the two main parts. The sealing ring is retained in a recess in the fixed part by means of a nut. With this arrangement, it is claimed, a gas- and fluid-tight joint is obtained at very low as well as high working pressures, and the swivel portion can be turned through a full circle, and inclined to an inclusive angle of 10 deg. to compensate for misalignment of pipes. The design also provides for unrestricted flow of gases or solids through the joint piece.



The Hilyn swivel joint piece for pipelines, which incorporates a P.T.F.E. sealing ring

Suitable for connection to pipes for steam, water and compressed air supplies, for example, with working pressures up to 500 lb. per sq. in., and temperatures up to 250 deg. C., the joint pieces are usually made from gunmetal, although assemblies in malleable iron, aluminium alloys, and stainless steel can be supplied. Joint pieces for higher pressures and temperatures can be provided if required.

The standard range includes elbow as well as straight designs for connection to pipes from ¼ to 2 in. diameter, but sizes up to 6 in. B.S.P. can be made to order.

Multi-dimensional Air-gauging Equipment

Some Further Developments by Thomas Mercer (Air Gauges), Ltd.

In addition to producing their standard range of air-gauging equipment, Thomas Mercer (Air Gauges), Ltd., Eywood Road, St. Albans, Herts, undertake the design and construction of special-purpose gauging fixtures. In some instances, these fixtures incorporate both air-gauging heads and dial-gauges, and typical examples were described in MACHINERY, 88/628—4/5/56. As a result of continued development work in this field, indicating equipment of the water-column type has been introduced for multi-dimensional checking on a production basis, and is complementary to their 6-in. and 4-in. dial type instruments.

The company has recently supplied to Rolls-Royce, Ltd., a number of special-purpose gauging fixtures, one of which is shown in Fig. 1. Designed for use with a 5-column indicating unit, this fixture is intended for checking pump gears of 25 different sizes, which have plain, flat sides. Towards the left-hand side of the base-plate, there is a bayonet fitting that accommodates interchangeable air-jet mandrels for checking bore diameter. These mandrels are of the 2-jet type, and may also be employed for checking ovality and taper. A typical bore-tolerance on the components is 0·0005 in.

A special mandrel, with a bonded rubber spiral insert, is provided near the centre of the fixture, on which the work is placed when checking face-to-bore squareness, also the radius, concentricity and parallelism of the external diameter to the bore. This mandrel is designed to locate the work accurately by the bore, despite diameter-variations within the tolerance range. Mandrels of this type are produced in the following manner. With the hard rubber insert bonded in the spiral groove, the suitably-oversize mandrel is set-up between centres, and ground to the bottom limit on diameter. The rubber, meanwhile, yields slightly to the pressure of the wheel, so that, on completion of the grinding process, it projects slightly above the surface of the metal, by a uniform amount. This projection is of the order of 0·00025 in., and accommodates the diameter tolerance of the bore.

The mandrel, which is free to rotate, is raised and lowered by means of a cam-bar that projects from the front of the fixture at *A* in Fig. 1. Loading is carried out with the mandrel raised, and the work is slid down over it until the underside engages the locating element *B*. The rubber lightly grips the bore, and when the mandrel is freed by pushing in the member *A*, the mandrel/component "assembly" is supported entirely by the element *B*. This arrangement, it may be noted, is employed in preference to a vertically-fixed mandrel, since with the latter, the elastic recovery of the rubber would tend to lift the work.

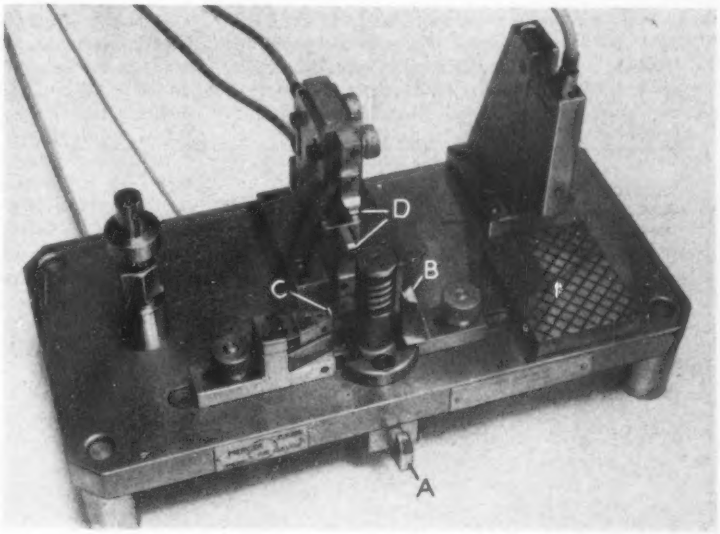


Fig. 1. This air-gauging fixture for pump gears will accommodate 25 different sizes, and incorporates a mandrel with a rubber insert, to take up the bore tolerance

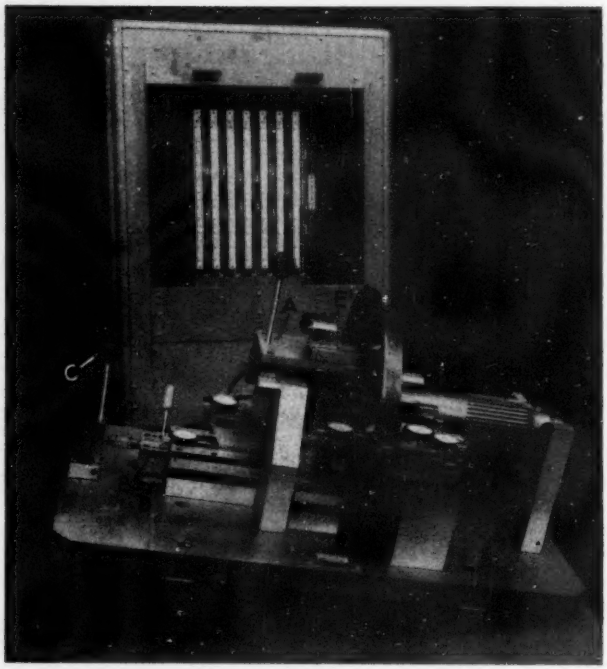


Fig. 2. The fixture here shown utilizes a combination of air-gauging heads, dial-gauges, and flush-pins, for checking a large number of dimensions on the component seen in position

At a point diametrically opposite the locating element, the underside of the work is engaged by a contact *C*, which is mounted on parallel spring leaves, and actuates a Microjet plunger unit. This head serves to indicate errors in face-to-bore squareness, when the component and mandrel are rotated. Because of the "swash-plate" effect of the locating support near the periphery, the reading on the column unit is twice the actual error. As may be observed in Fig. 1, there is an additional gauging head, situated immediately behind the mandrel. This head incorporates two further Microjet plunger units, also actuated by separate gauging contacts *D*, mounted on spring leaves.

These contacts engage the tops of the teeth, and serve to check the work for size, concentricity, and parallelism of the external diameter to the bore, within 0·001 in. total indicator reading. The corresponding tolerance for face-to-bore squareness is 0·0002 in., t.i.r. All the gauging contacts, and the locating element *B*, are fitted with carbide pads, and the gauging and locating heads are readily adjustable, in order to accommodate components of various sizes. Checking for thickness, with a tolerance of 0·001 in., is performed with the comparator-type head seen at the right of the fixture. This head, also, incorporates a Microjet plunger unit, and is adjustable in a vertical direction.

COMBINED AIR- AND DIAL-GAUGING

Another, more advanced type of gauging fixture, also designed and constructed for Rolls-Royce, Ltd., for checking a large number of dimensions on flanged shafts, is shown in Fig. 2. This equipment is provided with air-gauging heads, dial-gauges, and checking elements of the "flush pin" stepped-plunger type. The general proportions of the component may be seen in Fig. 3 and 4, in which the various dimensions and tolerances checked are indicated diagrammatically. Fig. 3 shows the 7 dimensions checked with the air-gauging heads, and Fig. 4, the 11 checked by means of dial-gauges and

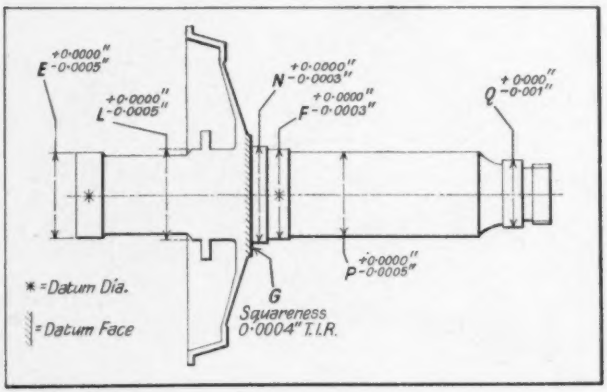


Fig. 3. Diagram illustrating the dimensions and tolerances checked by the air-gauging heads of the equipment shown in Fig. 2

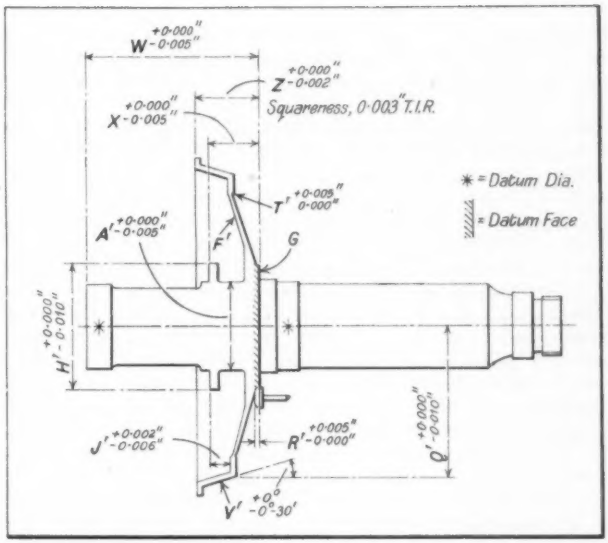


Fig. 4. Diagram showing the dimensions and tolerances checked by means of dial-gauges and flush-pins

flush pins. This diversity of gauging methods is dictated largely by considerations of access, convenience, and the degree of accuracy required.

In Fig. 2 is also seen the associated 7-column indicating unit, to which the various air-gauging heads are coupled. This unit, which is typical of the designs developed by the company, is completely self-contained, and is direct reading to 0·0001 in., on scales with widely-spaced graduations. Readings to a quarter of this amount can readily be obtained by estimation. For ease of reading, a special system is employed, in place of the customary dye in the liquid. Each tube is mounted against a white background, and immediately behind it there is a narrow vertical black stripe. The liquid consists of clear water, containing a trace of fluorescein, and by transmitted light, appears practically colourless.

With this arrangement, the portion of the tube occupied by liquid functions as a cylindrical lens, and the laterally-magnified image of the black stripe extends over the full width of the tube. The liquid column, therefore, appears dark, with a greenish fluorescence, in strong contrast to the predominantly white background and empty portion of the tube. Each scale is fitted with adjustable tolerance pointers, and a pedal is provided, which is depressed in order to obtain a set of readings. These indications are automatically "locked" when the pedal is released, so that they are retained after the component has been removed. If the pedal is depressed when the fixture is unloaded, however, they are cancelled. The pedal control is coupled to the unit through a long flexible lead, so that it may be placed in any position convenient to the operator, and a separate isolating control for each column is provided on the rear of the cabinet.

To ensure that the component is correctly seated against the locating elements, and to facilitate loading, the fixture is inclined at a compound angle to the right, and towards the operator, as seen in Fig. 2. The main locating and gauging elements are shown in Fig. 5. For loading, the pivoted member *A* is swung upwards, as seen in Fig. 5, and the slide *B*, Fig. 2, is withdrawn to the left by means of the lever *C*. This slide is spring-loaded towards the right, and is retained in the retracted position by a counterweighted, pivoted detent-block *D*. This block engages automatically when the slide is withdrawn and must be disengaged manually before the slide can be advanced. The component is located in the fixture by the datum diameters *E* and *F*, and the datum face *G*, Fig. 3.

Each of the datum diameters is located by two carbide pads 90 deg. apart, which are mounted on the main support members *H* and *J*, Fig. 5. One pad engages the bottom of the work, and the other, the side nearest the operator. The necessary pressure against the side pad is provided by the forward inclination of the fixture. Another pad *K*, on the face of the support *J*, locates the work longitudinally by the datum face *G*. In this instance, the axial loading afforded by the inclination of the fixture to the right is augmented by certain of the longitudinal gauging elements, and the spring-loading of the slide *B*.

Once the fixture is loaded, the members *A* and *B* are returned to the working position, seen in Fig. 2. Since the centre of gravity of the component is to the right of the datum diameters *E* and *F*, Fig. 3, the unbalance tends to lift the diameter *E* off the bottom pad. This tendency is resisted by a spring-loaded plunger on the slide *B*, which engages the bore when the slide is advanced. The Microjet plunger units for the

datum diameters *E* and *F* are mounted in the datum supports *H* and *J*, diametrically opposite the side pads. For the diameter *L*, the plunger unit is mounted on one side of a caliper-type head *M*, Fig. 5, which is attached to the slide *B* by means of parallel spring leaves, and the opposite arm of the caliper is fitted with a carbide pad.

The remaining diameters *N*, *P* and *Q*, Fig. 3, are checked by generally similar heads *R*, S and T, Fig. 5, but the leaf-spring supports for the heads are mounted on a stationary portion of the fixture. The head *R*, for checking the dimension *N*, operates in conjunction with transmission plungers that pass horizontally through the right-hand datum support *J*, to engage opposite sides of the work, whereas the heads *S* and *T*, for dimension *P* and *Q*, are of the direct type. Squareness of the datum-face *G* is checked by means of the Microjet unit seen at *U*, Fig. 5, which is actuated by another transmission plunger *V*, that passes through the datum support *J*. Since the locating pad *K* is diametrically opposite the contact point of the transmission plunger *V*, the indicated out-of-squareness is twice the actual value.

DIAL-GAUGE CHECKS

In Fig. 5 may also be observed the majority of the dial-gauges employed for checking the remaining dimensions, indicated in Fig. 4. Dimension *W*, from the left-hand end of the component to the datum face *G*, is checked with the upper of the two dial-gauges mounted on the slide *B*, and seen in Fig. 2. The lower dial-gauge, which is operated through a transmission rod and lever, serves to check the dimension *X*, also to the datum face *G*. Both these instruments read to 0·0005 in. Another dial-gauge, *Y*, Fig. 5, is mounted on a column pivoted to the rear of the fixture, and is swung forward against a stop when the fixture has been loaded. The contact-tip of this instrument, which also reads to 0·0005 in., directly engages the flange of the component, for checking the dimension *Z*, from the flange face to the datum face *G*. The same instrument is used for checking out-of-squareness, to a total indicator reading of 0·003 in., by rotating the work.

Although difficult of access, because it is masked by the adjacent small internal flange, the diameter A^1 is checked with a caliper-unit B^1, Fig. 5, which is mounted on the pivoted member *A*, on parallel spring leaves. One jaw of the caliper is fixed, and is provided with a carbide pad, whereas the other is a pivoted lever C^1, the opposite end of which engages the stem of the dial-gauge D^1. Also mounted on the member *A*, is a small auxiliary slide, which carries the flush-pin unit seen at E^1, Fig. 2 and 5. This unit has a stop-pin, which serves to locate it against the inner face of the flange web. The checking plunger, which is stepped at the outer end, is pushed forward so that the spherical inner end engages the web at the point F^1, Fig. 4. The plunger step is 0·02 in. deep, and serves to check the angle of the web.

A dial-gauge caliper head G^1, Fig. 5, mounted on parallel spring leaves, is used to check the diameter H^1 of the small internal flange, and the dial-gauge reads to 0·001 in. The relationship between the outer face of the small flange and the inner face of the main flange web (dimension J^1) is critical, and the face of the small flange is the datum. This dimension is checked by means of the dial-gauge head K^1, which is mounted on vertical spring leaves attached to the slide *B*. Associated with this head there is a contact L^1, Fig. 5, which engages the outer face of the small internal flange, thus locating the dial-

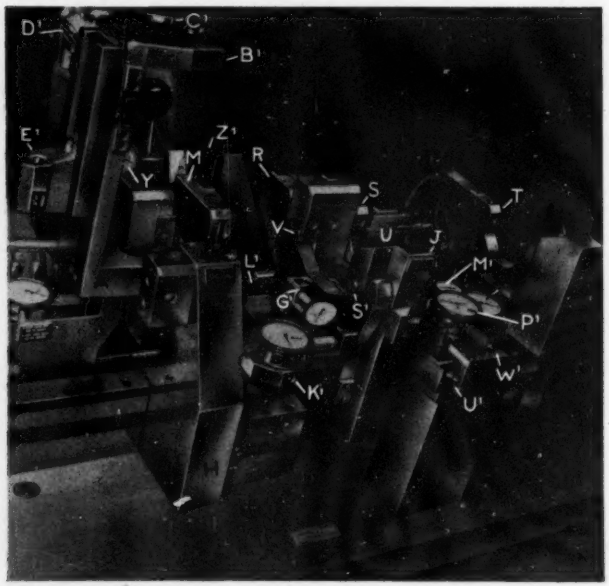


Fig. 5. Close-up view of the fixture, showing locating and gauging elements

gauge body. The stem of the dial-gauge is actuated by an intermediate plunger, which engages the inner face of the flange web.

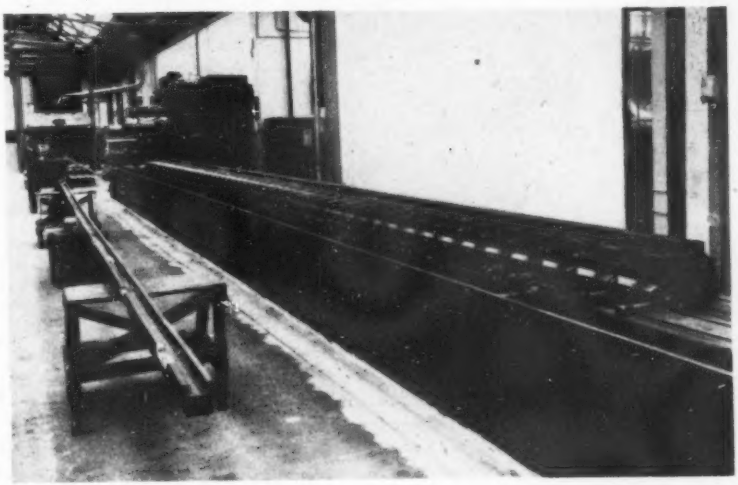
The three gauges M^1, N^1 and P^1, are concerned with the angle of the outer face of the web; with the web thickness, indirectly; and the radius Q^1, Fig. 4, to the heel of the angle at the junction of the web and flange. The depth R^1 of the radius at the root of the web, in relation to the datum face G, is checked by means of the button S^1, which actuates the gauge M^1 through a plunger and rocker. Gauges N^1 and P^1 are mounted on a small longitudinal slide, on which there is a pad that engages the flat face at the periphery of the web. The gauge N^1 is actuated through a plunger that engages the appropriate point for checking the depth of the radius T^1, Fig. 4, in relation to the adjacent flat face. Also mounted on the longitudinal slide is a small cross-slide, with a pad that engages the heel point for the radius Q^1. This cross-slide carries a flush-pin U^1, Fig. 5, for checking the flange angle V^1, Fig. 4, and an arm W^1 that actuates the dial-gauge P^1. The latter, which reads to 0·0005 in., serves to check the radius Q^1, Fig. 4.

In addition, provision is made for a series of length checks on the shoulders of the shaft portion of the component, by means of a profiled template. This template is located by pins on the main datum supports, and is provided with a series of scribed reference-lines against which the shoulders are checked visually. With this additional equipment, 10 separate dimensions are checked to tolerances of the order of 0·010 in. For setting the various gauging elements, a set of three masters is provided. One, which simulates the shaft portion of the component, is used for setting the air-gauging heads, and the other two, which are fabricated from gauge-plate, are employed for setting the dial-gauges. All three of these masters are located by the same datum surfaces of the fixture as the component. For setting the dial-gauge Y, Fig. 5, a distance block is inserted between the contact-tip and a datum face provided for this purpose. This face may be seen in Fig. 5, at Z^1, on the vertical standard located immediately to the right of the dial-gauge.

Hydraulic Clamps for Spar Milling

The channel-section component seen resting on trestles at the left of the accompanying figure is the main rotor spar for the Fairey Rotodyne helicopter. This part is made from high tensile steel bar, 40 ft. long, and as a result of milling operations carried out on the Wadkin spar mill seen at the right, the weight is reduced from 16½ cwt. to less than 200 lb.

Originally, the bar was secured to the fixture by hand clamping, for which operation a total time of 30-min. was required, but by the use of Newton hydraulic clamps, this time has been reduced to six seconds. These clamps, which are made by Power Jacks, Ltd., Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, are spaced at intervals of 9 in., and a total of 52 is employed. Apart from the saving in set-up time, it is found that these clamps provide a more even pressure than could be obtained by the manually-operated equipment which was previously employed.



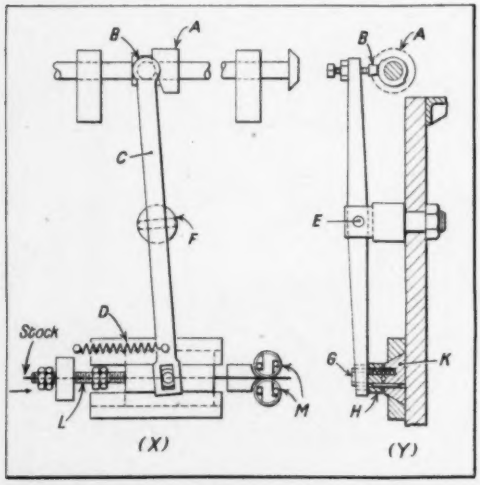
At this set-up, a 40-ft. long rotor spar for the Fairey Rotodyne helicopter is secured in a fixture, on a Wadkin milling machine, by means of 52 Newton hydraulic clamps

Feed Mechanism for Wire-forming Machine

By KARL W. NITTEL

The intermittent feed mechanism here shown, for advancing the stock on a wire forming machine, is actuated by the dual purpose cam *A*, which is carried on a shaft driven in synchronism with the main movements of the machine. Basically, the cam *A* is a short stepped bush, of which the smaller diameter has a peripheral cam form as seen in the end view at *Y*, and the shoulder between the large and small diameters is shaped to form a face cam. A roller *B*, mounted at one end of the lever *C*, engages both cam forms on the part *A*, and is held in constant contact with the latter by means of the spring *D*. The lever *C* is pivoted at its centre on a cross-pin *E*, which passes through the fork-end of the stub shaft *F*. The arrangement is such that the lever *C* can pivot in two planes that are mutually perpendicular, under the action of the two profiles on the cam *A*.

The lower end of the lever *C* engages a peg *G*, which is formed integral with the outer face of the block *H*. A semi-circular groove is cut in the opposite face of this block, along the longitudinal centre-line, the diameter of the groove being equal to that of the wire to be handled. There is a mating semi-circular groove in the dovetail slide *K*, and the block *H* is connected to the latter by dowels, on which it is a sliding fit, but is urged away from it by compression springs.



Plan and end views of a cam-driven intermittent feed mechanism for advancing wire stock on a forming and cutting-off machine

As the dual cam *A* rotates, the peripheral form rocks the lever *C* about the pin *E* (view *Y*) thereby causing the opposite end of the lever to force the block *H* towards the slide *K*, so that the wire stock is gripped between these two members. At the same time, the face cam on the part *A* swings the lever in an anti-clockwise direction (about the axis of the shaft *F*, view *X*), and the stock is advanced into the forming and cut-off mechanism. At the end of this feed movement, the member *A* has rotated to a position such that a "drop" on the peripheral profile is in engagement with the follower *B*. As the cam continues to rotate, the lever *C* swings in a reverse direction so that the block *H* is moved away from the slide *K* by the associated springs, and the wire is released.

Then, a "drop" on the face cam of the member *A* allows the spring *D* to return the lever to its former position, ready for the next feeding cycle. The return movement of the lever is limited by an adjustable stop *L*, so that the length of wire advanced may be varied. To ensure that there is no tendency for the wire stock to move backwards during the return movement of the lever, non-reversing pinch rolls as at *M* can be located immediately after the feed mechanism, or a conventional type of leaf spring check can be fitted at this position.

PRESTON PORTABLE FLUORESCENT LIGHTING FITTINGS—Inexpensive portable fluorescent lighting fittings have recently been introduced by Preston Industrial Research, 11 Old Bond Street, London, W.1. Available in single and double designs, with 1½-in. diameter tubes in 2, 3, and 4 ft. lengths, the fittings, which are the subject of a patent application, may be plugged in to standard bayonet-type lighting sockets, and are stated to be suitable for use in small workshops and storerooms, for example. No additional support is necessary, and it is stated that the fittings can be safely suspended from standard lighting flex.

Matterson Size 101 Electric Hoists

Matterson, Ltd., Shawclough, Rochdale, have recently developed the size 101 electric hoist which is available as a conventional or low-headroom, runway hoist, alternatively for fixed suspension or pedestal mounting. Each type can be supplied for lifting maximum loads of 10 cwt. or 1 ton, and with maximum lifts of 23 and 43 ft. when arranged for runway or fixed suspension mounting. A range of trolleys is available for both types of runway hoist, and includes push, hand-geared and electric-travelling types. The trolleys for the conventional hoist are adjustable on erection to suit any B.S. I-section joist with flanges from 3 to 6 in. wide, and those of the low-headroom type are adjustable to suit joists from 4 to 6 in. wide.

A low-headroom runway hoist is shown in the illustration, and permits the hook to be raised to within 13 in. of the underside of the beam, a saving of 17 in. as compared with the standard design. The maximum lift is 23 ft., and the lifting speed is 40 ft. per min. for the 10-cwt. unit, and 20 ft. per min. for the 1-ton design. An additional creeping speed of 1/5 or 1/10 normal speed is available on both sizes of hoist, and on the extended barrel types of runway and fixed suspension units. The fixed-suspension or pedestal-mounted hoists can lift loads of 10 cwt. or 1 ton at a rate of 20 ft. per min., and the smaller size can be fitted with gears to provide a lifting rate of 40 ft. per min.

A 1½-h.p. squirrel-cage, totally-enclosed electric motor is supported at both ends within the hoist barrel, and runs at 1,440 r.p.m. The motor shaft is mounted in ball bearings, and is extended to carry the brake drum at one end and the drive pinion at the other. Of the clip type, the brake is spigoted on to the motor flange, and the spring-loaded shoes, which are released electro-magnetically, are provided with a single screw for adjustment to compensate for wear.

The contactors are protected by a readily-removable fibre-glass cover. They are actuated by heavy-duty push-buttons, mounted in a pendant housing, which operate the hoisting and travelling motions only as long as they are depressed. Extra buttons are provided for the creep speed. Rotary limit switches operated by the rope guide break the push-button control circuit when the hook block reaches the upper and lower limits of its travel, and, if overrun occurs, additional contacts break the motor circuit.

The heavy-section mild steel barrel is grooved in accordance with B.S.S. 466, and is supported on the full diameter at each end by grease-lubricated roller bearings. Final drive to the barrel is by a pinion and an internal gear cut integral with the barrel. Heat-treated alloy steel gears are used throughout, and except for that fitted to the motor, all pinions are integral with their associated shafts. There are three reduction stages in the drive, and all gears are supported on ball or needle-roller bearings, and run in an oil bath. An Alzen metal rope guide slides on a stainless steel shaft, and operates the over-winding and over-lowering limit switches through adjustable collars and a link mechanism.

A drop-forged hook, to B.S.S. 482, is mounted on ball bearings in a steel housing, and the rope sheaves, which are roller-bearing mounted, are totally enclosed to prevent the rope jumping out of the sheave. Single-flange drop forged trolley runners are provided, and each runs on two dust-tight ball bearings on a nickel chromium steel shaft, which can readily be removed without dismantling the trolley. Two runners of the power

Matterson size 101 low-headroom type, electric hoist, of 1 ton capacity

driven trolley are coupled by spur gearing and a friction clutch to a totally-enclosed, squirrel-cage motor, of the high torque type. Travelling speeds of 50 or 100 ft. per min. can be provided and a brake can be fitted if desired. The length of travel can be controlled by limit switches, actuated by ramps fixed to the runway.

Reinforced Plastics Guards

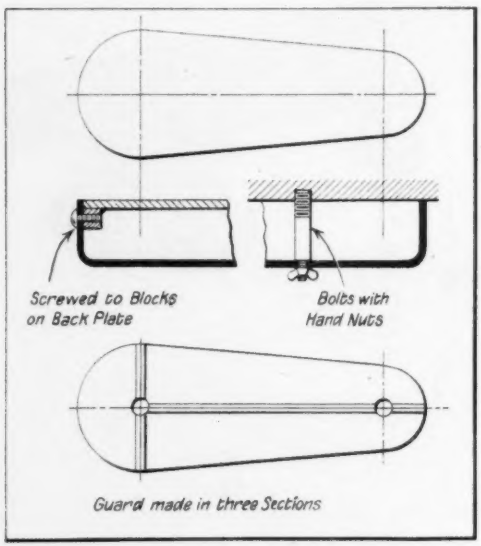
Guards for drives can frequently be made with advantage from reinforced plastics with sheet metal back plates where necessary. A taper of $\frac{1}{8}$ in. in 3 in. should be provided on the sides, with a ½-in. radius in the corners. Such a guard can be secured by screws to brackets on the machine or back plate, or by holding studs passing through the centre of the drive, as indicated in the figure, and guards of this type are now being made by Glass Fibre Fabrications, Ltd., Peel Street Works, Stalybridge, Cheshire.

The mould is preferably made from sheet metal, and to ensure a good fit in the corners they may be filled with solder and scraped to the correct radius. A high internal finish in the mould enables guards with smooth surfaces to be produced. The mould depth should be ½ in. greater than that required for the guard. True depth can be scribed on the mould and the guard can then be trimmed to this datum line. As a rule, the internal finish given by the chopped strand mat reinforcement is satisfactory.

Guards can be readily made in sections, where necessary, to permit installation provided that the width exceeds 3 in.

In the example shown, the guard is assembled from three sections which are bolted together through flanges. The two moulds are made to the size required, a slight taper being provided as indicated above to facilitate withdrawal, and an extended flange is formed to allow for trimming. Flat surfaces can be obtained on the exposed flanges by applying flat metal or glass plate after laying.

The cost of the mould for a plastics guard is little more than that of one sheet metal guard, and the number of guards which will show a saving does not normally exceed six. In addition, the plastics guard is strong, non-resonant, non-corrosive, light in weight, and resistant to accidental damage. Paint can be applied to the surface without any preparation. In some instances, where no colour match is required, the guard can be self-coloured and the cost of painting is then avoided.



(Above) Methods of mounting plastic guards. (Below) A three-piece guard

HIRE-PURCHASE FACILITIES FOR INDUSTRIAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT. It is reported by the United Dominions Trust, Ltd., United Dominions House, Eastcheap, London, E.C.3, that even before the Hire Purchase and Credit Sale Agreement (Control) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1958, came into effect on September 16, increasing use was being made of hire purchase facilities by companies wishing to increase or replace their plant, vehicles, and mechanical equipment, previously subject to the restrictions of an Order made in 1947 and an amendment dated 1957. In addition to the advantages accruing from the fact that, by entering into hire purchase agreements, companies can undertake expansions and improvements without drawing on their liquid resources, the charges incurred are a normal expense, and can be set against income before calculating the liability for tax. Furthermore, the fact that an item is the subject of a hire-purchase agreement does not normally affect the user's right to claim the appropriate allowance for wear and tear.

It should be noted that a claim for initial allowance is normally granted only for the actual sum defrayed in the tax year under consideration. If, in any tax year, a company enters into a hire-purchase agreement and makes an initial payment of, say, 35 per cent, and monthly instalments totalling a further 25 per cent, an initial allowance may be claimed on 60 per cent of the price of the plant. An allowance for the remaining 40 per cent is then claimed in succeeding tax periods.

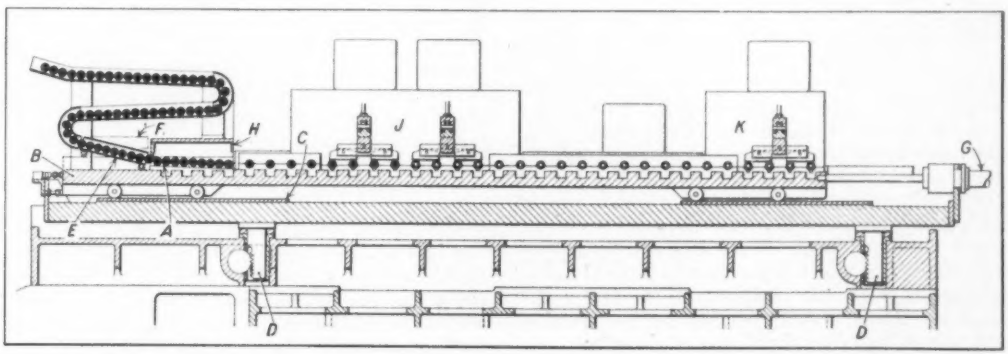
Asquith Transfer Machine for Gudgeon Pins

Gudgeon pins, in two sizes, for the engines of motor vehicles, are being drilled and reamed at the works of Vauxhall Motors, Ltd., Luton, on two Asquith 5-station in-line type transfer machines. The machine shown in section in the accompanying drawing handles pins of 1⅜ in. diameter by 3$\frac{29}{32}$ in. long, at the rate of 150 per hour, and pins of ⅞ in. diameter by 2$\frac{25}{32}$ in. long are drilled and reamed on the other machine at the rate of some 240 per hour. The sequence of operations also provides for chamfering at both ends.

Of En. 36 steel, the gudgeon-pin blanks, which are faced at a previous operation, are loaded by hand into the magazine feed unit seen at the left-hand side of the figure, and are fed thence, by way of a chute, on to the inclined track *A*. Here, they are supported, at the ends, immediately above and straddling the transfer bar *B*, which has square-section cross notches, at 3-in. centres, on the upper surface, to accommodate the blanks. The bar is carried on rollers on the cradle *C*.

At the start of the transfer cycle, the bar is raised through a distance of 2 in. by the rams *D*, which are hydraulically-operated through pinions and racks, so that it passes between the rails of the track and collects four blanks in the notches. In moving upwards, the bar raises the freely-pivoted end portion of the chute *E*, to the position *F*, with the result that the supply of blanks to the track is interrupted. At the top of its stroke, the cradle engages a limit switch, and the ram of the hydraulic cylinder *G* then indexes the transfer bar horizontally, through a distance of 12 in. During this movement, the remaining blanks at the loading station are retained by the gate *H*. At the end of the indexing stroke, the transfer bar operates a limit switch, and the cradle is then lowered, to deposit the blanks in nests at an idle station. At the same time, the pivoted chute returns to the downward-sloping position so that the loading station is replenished. On reaching the bottom of its stroke, the cradle actuates another limit switch to reverse the oil supply to the hydraulic cylinder, so that the transfer bar is returned towards the left-hand end of the machine. Subsequently, this cycle is repeated and the four blanks, previously transferred, are lifted from their nests and are deposited in hardened-steel vee blocks in the fixture *J* at the first working station.

When the transfer bar returns to the starting position, it engages a switch to initiate the machining cycle. After hydraulically-operated, balanced clamps have been applied to the blanks, they are dimpled at one end by 1-in. diameter drills mounted in four spindles of an 8-spindle horizontal head. Simultaneously, from the opposite end, ⅛ in. diameter holes are drilled for a distance about a half the overall length, by drills mounted in four spindles of an opposed 8-spindle head. The spindles are then withdrawn and the clamps are automatically released. At the next transfer cycle, the workpieces are moved to the second portion of the fixture *J*, and similar clamps are



Section Through the Asquith Transfer Machine for Drilling, Chamfering, and Reaming Gudgeon Pins

applied. In this position, the drilled ends are chamfered by 1-in. diameter drills, and the dimpled ends are drilled $\frac{1}{2}$ in. diameter (leaving a 1-in. diameter chamfer), to complete the through holes, the tools for these operations being carried in the remaining spindle of the opposed heads. After passing through some idle stations, the gudgeon pins are transferred to the fixture *K*, and at this station they are reamed $\frac{3}{4}$-in. diameter from one end. Finally, they are unclamped and transferred to an unloading station, where they are engaged by ramps which push them axially out of the transfer bar into chutes leading to boxes.

The 8-spindle heads employed in conjunction with the fixtures at *J* are mounted on Asquith NSU 7½ units, which have screw-operated feeds, and are driven from 7½-h.p. motors through V-belts and gearing. The drills in each group are guided in hardened-steel bushes in a spring-loaded plate, which is mounted on guide bars attached to the drilling head. Before the drills contact the work, locating plugs on the sides of the fixture are engaged by holes in the advancing bush plate so that the latter is effectively supported. For the reaming operation, a 4-spindle head on an Asquith SSU 2, screw-feed unit, of 2 h.p., is employed. Swarf from the drilling and reaming operations is removed by a scraper chain conveyor in the machine bed.

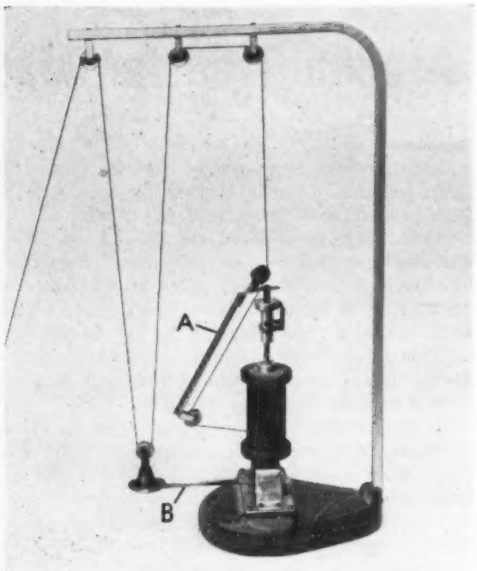
Designed by the Birmingham Engineering Department of William Asquith, Ltd., the machines were supplied by Drummond-Asquith (Sales), Ltd., King Edward House, New Street, Birmingham.

Kinetrol Feed Unit for Fine Wire

The provisionally-patented equipment here shown, has recently been developed by Kinetrol, Ltd., Trading Estate, Farnham, Surrey, to facilitate feeding fine wire on coil winding machines.

In use, the tensile force applied to the wire as a result of the winding operation, causes the light-weight, inclined, arm *A* to be turned on a vertical spindle, so that the wire is unwound from the non-rotating reel. The wire passes round two freely-rotating pulleys at the ends of the arm *A*, three pulleys mounted on an overhead support bar, and a single pulley at the outer end of the lever *B*. The weight of the pulley assembly on the lever *B*, causes a brake shoe to be held lightly in contact with the periphery of a disc on the vertical spindle, thereby controlling the speed of the arm *A*, and the take-off rate of the wire.

Any increase in the tensile force on the wire causes the lever *B* to swing upwards, with the result that the pressure between the brake shoe and the disc is reduced, and in consequence the arm *A* can move more freely. Snatching of the wire is thus avoided, and the risk of breakage is virtually eliminated. The pulley assembly on the lever *B* can be moved freely upwards through several inches, so that the risk of breakage is considerably reduced in the event of sudden jamming of the wire.



Kinetrol feed unit for fine wire

As an indication of the sensitivity of the equipment, it may be mentioned that copper wire down to 0·001 in. diameter and nickel chrome wire down to 0·0006 in. diameter can be handled at high winding speeds. Another advantage claimed for the equipment is that it enables very fine wire to be wound on formers of irregular shape without the risk of breakage. Provision is made for the tensile force applied to the wire to be varied down to a value as small as 5 grammes.

WORLD EXPORTS OF MANUFACTURERS during the first half of this year were valued at 20,536 million (U.S.) dollars, as compared with 21,394 million in the corresponding period of 1957. The United States shares of these totals were 23·5 and 26·2 per cent, respectively, those of the United Kingdom 18·4 and 18·3 per cent, and those of Western Germany, 17·9 and 16·7 per cent.

Red Ring Broaching Process for Cutting External Gears

The National Broach & Machine Co., Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A., who make the Red Ring range of gear finishing machines, have recently developed a method of cutting external gears by means of hollow broaches. The single-piece broach is made from high-speed steel, and the teeth at the bore are precision ground from the solid.

At the centre of Fig. 1, is shown a broach for cutting the 4-in. diameter cast iron helical gear for a washing machine, as seen on the right, from the blank at the left. The gear has 87 teeth with a depth of 0·087 in., a helix angle of 22 deg., and a face width of ¾ in. Broaching is carried out on the 25-ton down-stroking hydraulic press shown in Fig. 2, and the actual cutting cycle occupies a period of only 5 sec. The floor to floor time for the entire operation, including loading the blank and unloading of the finished gear, is 15 sec.

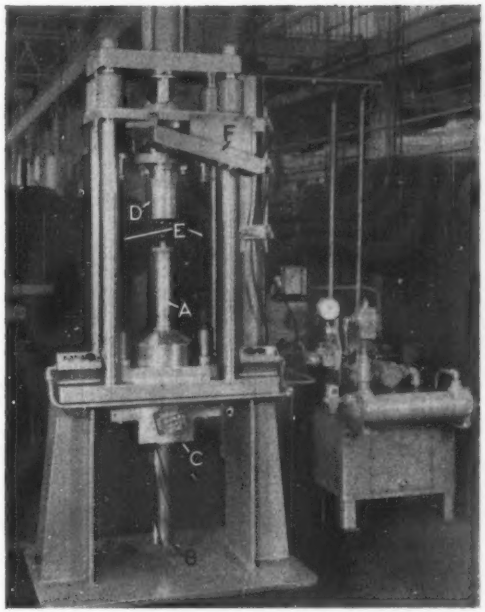


Fig. 2. Broaching of the gear shown in Fig. 1 is carried out on this 25-ton hydraulic press

During the broaching operation, the gear blank is carried on top of the cylindrical fixture *A*, which is rotated in ball bearings in the bed, by the action between the lead bar *B*, attached to its lower end, and the cross-head *C*. There are two helical grooves in the lead bar, which are engaged by projecting pieces in the cross head. Operated by a hydraulic cylinder, the platen which carries the broach *D*, slides on cylindrical guide bars, and is connected to the cross head *C* by two push rods fitted with bellows-type guards as indicated at *E*. With this arrangement, helical teeth are produced on the gear during the downward stroke of the platen, by the combined axial movement of the broach and rotation of the fixture *A*. During the return movement of the platen, at the end of the cutting operation, the

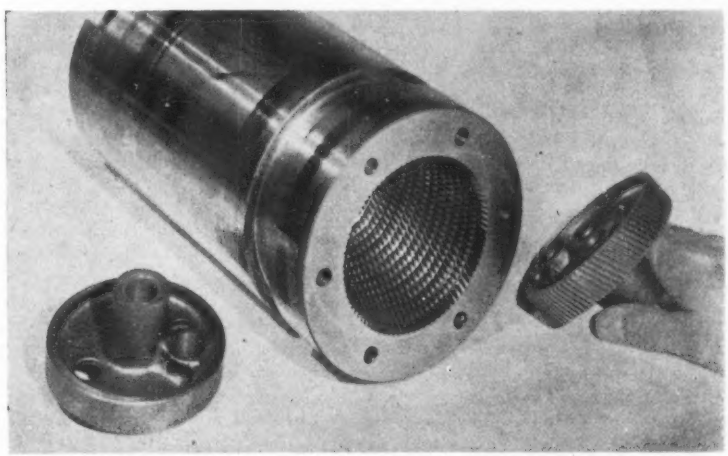


Fig. 1. The Red Ring single-piece hollow broach for producing the cast-iron helical gear seen at the right

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finished gear is carried upwards with the broach, and upon completion of this travel, the work is discharged sideways, into the inclined chute *F*, by the action of an air cylinder. Equipment for automatically loading blanks can be provided if required.

It is stated that on ten gears produced by this technique, the maximum variations were 0·0009 in. for tooth size, 0·0008 in. for lead on both flanks of the teeth, and 0·0003 in. for involute shape. When the gears were checked on a rolling gear tester the total indicator reading for run out was less than 0·001 in. A high degree of accuracy and a smooth surface finish were obtained on the work when the same broach was employed for cutting gears in bronze and plastics materials.

The process may be employed for cutting steel gears, also spur gears, sprockets, clutch parts, and components made from powdered metals. The maximum depth of tooth that can be cut, and the accuracy obtainable, are limited largely by the length of the broach. It is expected, however, that the cutting of coarse-pitch gears with considerable tooth depths by the process will be undertaken at two or more stages, using different broaches.

The National Broach & Machine Co., are represented in this country by Chas. Churchill & Co., Ltd., Coventry Road, Birmingham, 25.

Adoption of Unified Threads

A recent survey made within the British fasteners industry has shown that the use of Unified threads for precision bolts and nuts is increasing rapidly. The motor vehicle and petroleum industries and agricultural engineers are all using large quantities, and other industries are gradually changing over to the new system.

Twice as many precision bolts and nuts (all grades) and machine screws, of ¼ in. diameter and larger, are sold with Unified threads as with Whitworth or B.S.F. threads, and following the publication of the British Standard for Normal Series Unified Black Bolts (B.S. 2708:1956) there has been an increasing demand for Unified threads on this type of fastener. For machine screws smaller than ¼ in. diameter, important sections of industry will continue to use the B.A. screw thread, but the demand for small machine screws conforming to the American standard and with threads of Unified form and pitch is rising and already such screws account for about 10 per cent of the total.

There is no doubt that the Unified screw thread has become established as one of the important thread systems in use in this country and it appears that it will eventually displace Whitworth and B.S.F. Unified threads have received support in Scandinavia and Holland, and at least one Swedish firm has changed from Metric threads to Unified inch threads. On the Continent, however, metric threads will always be first choice and the metric countries are following the example of America, Britain and Canada in unifying their standards, which have hitherto differed from country to country.

During June of this year the Fourth Plenary Session of the International Standards Organisation was held in Harrogate, and was attended by delegations from 38 countries. An opportunity was thus provided for further discussions on international screw thread standards and it was agreed to recommend to the ISO Council that there should be two internationally recognised screw thread systems, the Unified inch series of threads, the use of which is already widely established wherever the decimal inch is the standard engineering unit of measurement, and the newly agreed metric series of pitch diameter combinations which is to be adopted by metric countries, though as yet it exists only on paper.

A feature of the screw thread discussions was the wealth of evidence submitted by the American and Canadian delegations to show that in both countries Unified screw threads have completely superseded the older American National Coarse and American National Fine series. Industries seeking to sell in North America will certainly benefit if they adopt Unified threads for any equipment they may have to offer.

MARTINDALE VOLTAGE TESTER—Intended for use by linesmen and maintenance electricians, a new fixed prod voltage tester has been introduced by Martindale Electric Co., Ltd., Westmorland Road, London, N.W.9. This new tester has been developed from the company's existing type No. 54 and enables an electrician to determine whether a line is live, and if so, to measure the voltage (up to a maximum of 600), and to determine whether the supply is A.C. or D.C. The prods of the instrument are normally covered by spring-loaded sheaths which are pushed back when the prods are brought into contact with the conductor to be tested. The search lead prod, which can be held back slightly by means of a bayonet action, incorporates a high-rupturing capacity fuse of ½-amp. rating arranged in series with a resistance of 68 ohms., to afford protection even in the event of a complete short. The body of the tester is of high-strength moulded plastics material, and a magnifier is incorporated to facilitate reading the indicator disc.

Berlett Automatic Circular Saw

The Berlett automatic circular saw seen in Fig. 1 has recently been introduced by Heinrich Gutberlett, Wuppertal-Barmen, Germany, for whom the sole selling agents in this country are The Addison Tool Co., Ltd., Addison House, 28 Marshalsea Road, London, S.E.1. On this machine, the bar feed is operated hydraulically, as are the vices for gripping the work, and the traverse motion for the saw carrier. By means of a scale, and a micrometer dead stop graduated in 0·004-in. divisions, the stroke of the bar feed hydraulic cylinder can be set to advance the stock through distances ranging from 0 to 15¾ in. Provision is made for either continuous step feeding, or single piece cutting, and when single lengths in excess of 15¾ in. are required, the saw traverse can be set to operate only after the bar feed has functioned twice, thereby allowing pieces up to 31½ in. long to be cut off.

Once the bar has been loaded, and the stroke of the bar feed mechanism has been set, the operation of the machine is fully-automatic. There are two pairs of hydraulically-operated vice jaws, one incorporated in the bar feed for gripping the stock during feeding, and the other for holding the work while cutting is in progress. These pairs of jaws are electrically interlocked, and the arrangements are such that when one pair of jaws is closed the other pair is open.

Fig. 1. The Berlett type KS60 high-production automatic circular saw. The bar feed mechanism at the left is hydraulically-operated, and has a maximum stroke of 15¾ in.

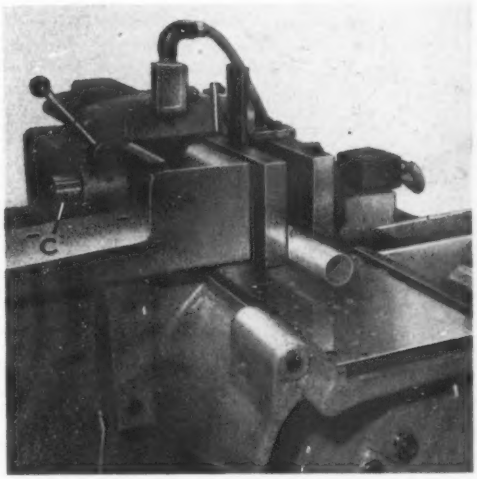


Fig. 2. Close-up view of the work-holding vice on the Berlett circular saw, with the saw guard removed

A close-up view of the machine with the saw guard removed, showing the work-holding jaws and a portion of the circular saw, is given in Fig. 2. The saw is carried on the upper end of an arm, the lower end of which is pivoted in the main frame of the machine, and swings in an anti-clockwise direction, as viewed in Fig. 2, to apply the cut.

Provision is made for adjusting the total angular movement of the saw arm, to suit the size of section to be cut, so that idle time can be reduced to a minimum. Three ranges of saw speeds are available, namely, from 40 to 558 ft. per min., for materials such as high-speed steel, and other tough alloys; 59 to 820 ft. per min. for softer steels; and 120 to 1,640 ft. per min. for brass, copper, bronze, and aluminium alloys.

Drive to the saw, which is 8¾ or 10 in. diameter, is taken from a 3-h.p., 3-speed, pole-changing motor through V-belt change pulleys, a spur gear reduction, and a final change-gear drive on the oscillating arm. Normally, the machine is supplied with a 8¾-in. diameter, by 0·10-in. thick, high-duty Berlett saw blade.

It may be noted that both the speed of traverse of the saw and the feed pressure can be varied steplessly, to suit the type of material to be cut, by means of the star-wheels seen in Fig. 1 at the bottom left and right of the control panel on the front of the machine. Controls grouped on this panel include the start and stop buttons for the built-in coolant pump, and the small ball-ended lever mounted above the panel is coupled to a drum-type rotary switch for the pole-changing saw motor.

A T-shaped handle to the right of this control is used for setting the movable jaw of the work-holding vice to suit the section of bar to be sawn. The adjustable jaw of the vice for the bar-feed is carried on the shaft *C*, Fig. 2, and after the required setting has been made it is locked by means of the associated ball-lever.

As an indication of the types of thin-wall sections which can be cut on this machine, attention is drawn to those shown at *A* and *B* in Fig. 3. The section *A* is of brass, approximately $\frac{5}{16}$ in. square, and has a wall thickness of $\frac{1}{32}$ in., and the flattened steel tube at *B* measures $\frac{5}{16}$ by $\frac{1}{8}$ in. and has a wall thickness of 0·025 in. When suitably-shaped vice jaws are fitted, several sections can be sawn at one pass, and high rates of production can be obtained. For example, the hexagonal-section piece seen in the left foreground of Fig. 3 is of steel, measuring approximately $\frac{5}{16}$ in. across flats, and when six bars are fed through the machine at one time, lengths are cut off at the rate of 1,500 per hour. Angle iron, measuring 3⅛ by 4¾ in., can be cut at the rate of 180 pieces per hour, and 1-in. square high-speed steel bar at 80 pieces per hour.

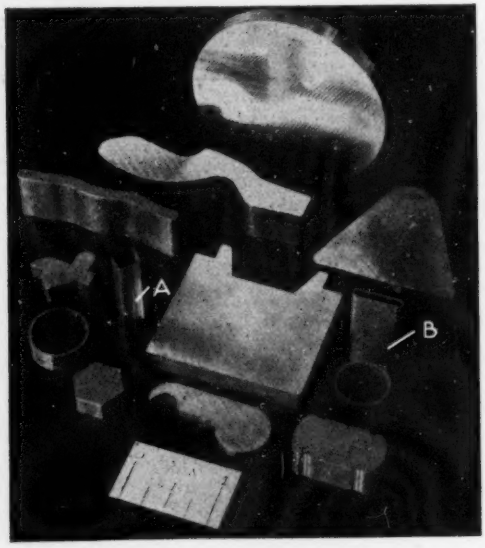


Fig. 3. Typical examples of copper, brass, and steel sections cut on the new Berlett high-production automatic circular saw

The round-section piece in the background in Fig. 3 was cut from a 2½-in. diameter copper bar, and the irregularly-shaped and triangular sections immediately in front of it are of a high-conductivity electrolytic copper, which is difficult to machine. Of these two parts, that at the left measures 2⅝ in. long by ¾ in. wide, and the nominally-triangular piece at the right has 1¾-in. long sides. Using the automatic bar feed on the machine, these sections are cut at the rate of 250 per hour, and 170 per hour, respectively.

When using an 8¾-in. diameter saw blade, the machine will cut round-section material up to a maximum of 2⅜-in. diameter, and square- and rectangular-sections up to 2⅝ and 3 by 2 in., respectively. With a 10-in. diameter saw blade, the corresponding figures are 3⅛, 3, and 3 by 2⅜ in. The machine is self-contained, the hydraulic pump and motor drive, also the coolant pump and reservoir, being housed in the base casting, and it occupies a floor space of 59 by 40 in.

Continuously-anodized Aluminium Strip

It was announced recently in *The Aluminium Courier* that coiled aluminium strip which has been continuously-anodized with a ductile film capable of withstanding a reasonable amount of deformation is now available from Acorn Ano-Coil Ltd., Durham Road, Boreham Wood, Herts. This strip is available in widths up to 20 in., and in thicknesses from 0·003 to 0·028 in., the choice of finishes ranging from electro-brightened to satin, in a variety of colours. The anodic film on this strip has excellent insulating properties, which it retains up to melting point of the parent metal, and aluminium treated in this manner would appear to be suitable for the production of a wide range of parts in the electrical industry, also for certain high-temperature applications. Furthermore, it can be employed for such parts as nameplates, dials, closures, reflectors, shallow pressings, rolled and cored sections, and stencils.

New Production Equipment

Churchill Type NB Surface Grinding Machine

The type NB horizontal spindle surface grinding machine, shown in the accompanying figure, is built by the Churchill Machine Tool Co., Ltd., Broadheath, Manchester, for tool room and general purpose work. It can also be used for production grinding operations, particularly when workpieces can be loaded in substantial quantities on the table or on a magnetic chuck. The working surface of the table is 18 by 6 in., and the maximum height admitted between the table and a new grinding wheel is 9 in.

Hardened steel slideways are fitted to the cross feed saddle and bed, and continuous lubrication is provided. The cross feed screw and nut are housed in an oil bath, the level of which is automatically maintained. All controls are positioned below the level of the work table and are arranged for maximum operating convenience.

The grinding wheelhead is fitted with a Nitralloy steel spindle which runs in automatically lubricated bronze bearings. The standard grinding wheel is 8 in. diameter by ¾ in. wide, but, when specially ordered, the machine can be arranged to take wheels up to 1½ in. wide for plunge cut and form grinding. Drive to the grinding spindle is from a 1-h.p. totally-enclosed motor, flange mounted on the wheelhead column, through V-ropes which are fully enclosed by a cover plate.

Coarse and fine down-feed is available for the grinding wheel, the fine feed being actuated by a "click" mechanism, in increments of 0·0001 in., so that it can be both felt and heard, and observation of the work and wheel by the operator is not interrupted. A safety device ensures that the grinding wheel can only be moved downwards by the operation of the feed handwheel. Long guideways are provided for the wheelhead vertical slide, and the feed screws for vertical travel of the wheelhead and cross-travel of the table have ground threads, fully protected against swarf and dirt.

The table has a hydraulically-operated cross traverse of 7 in., and the automatic cross feeds range from 0·008 to 0·06 in. for each longitudinal stroke of the table. Safety trips are fitted for the crosswise motion, and the saddle can be locked to prevent transverse movement during form grinding operations. Coarse hand movement, and fine feed adjustment in increments of 0·001 in. are also provided, and a fine "click" feed, in increments of 0·0001 in., can be fitted as optional extra.

The table can be traversed longitudinally over a distance of 20 in. by hand or power, and the hydraulic traverse speeds are steplessly variable up to 60 ft. per min. A safety interlock automatically disengages the handwheel when the hydraulic traverse is in operation. The hydraulic mechanism can be readily disconnected when it is required to operate the table by hand for long periods, and the table can be "run-out" for work inspection and loading.

A reservoir for the constant-pressure hydraulic system is integral with the right-hand lower section

Churchill type NB surface grinding machine

of the machine base. A partly-submerged geared pump is driven by link-belt from a 1-h.p. totally-enclosed motor, mounted in a separate compartment of the base to ensure protection from oil, dust and moisture. The piston rod of the double-acting, precision honed steel hydraulic cylinder is connected directly to the table. Electrical control gear is housed in the base and is easily accessible for maintenance, a push-button panel being mounted on the front of the machine.

A high-speed horizontal attachment can be supplied for grinding slots and channels to fine limits, with a small diameter grinding wheel. Wheel crushing equipment can be provided, and an anxiliary geared motor drive is then fitted to give the necessary slow spindle speed. Provision has recently been made for mounting, on the wheelhead, the Diaform type 5/1 and type 5/2 template-controlled profile wheel dressing attachments [L. M. Van Moppes & Sons (Diamond Tools) Ltd.].

The floor space occupied by the machine is 82 by 48 in., and the approximate weight is 23 cwt.

Leromat 36 High-speed Turret Lathe

The Leromat 36 high-speed turret lathe shown in Fig. 1, has recently been introduced by the German firm of Boley & Leinen.

As may be seen more clearly in the close-up view, Fig. 2, the lathe incorporates an 8-station indexing holder which will accommodate tool-bits of ½- by ½-in. cross section for turning, and facing, operations. In addition, there is a 4-station turret, for end-working tools, which is indexed by hand. Thread rolling heads with a maximum external diameter of $3\frac{17}{32}$ in., twist drills, centre drills, and similar tools, can be mounted in this turret.

The tool-holder and turret are carried on a single horizontal shaft, and can be traversed hydraulically for maximum distances of 4¾ and 5½ in. respectively, the steplessly-variable sliding feeds available ranging from 0·001 to 0·028 in. per spindle rev. Provision is also made for hand traverse of the tool-holder and turret. For facing operations, the tool-holder is pivoted hydraulically, either towards or away from the work axis, under the control of a lever at the front of the bed, and the steplessly-variable feeds obtainable range from 0·0004 to 0·014 in. per rev.

Steplessly-variable spindle speeds, ranging from 0 to 2,500 r.p.m. in a clockwise direction, and from 0 to 1,500 r.p.m. in the opposite direction, are provided by a hydraulic drive unit which is housed in the welded steel base, and an automatic spindle brake is fitted. Different spindle speeds and feeds can be pre-selected by means of knobs in conjunction with dials mounted on the control panel at the right-hand end of the bed, and are automatically brought into use when the tool-holder or the turret is indexed to certain working positions. The spindle is bored to pass a 36-mm. (1·41-in.) diameter bar.

The lathe will handle work up to $2\frac{3}{16}$ in. diameter when both the tool-holder and the turret are employed. If required, the tool-holder may be swung clear, and operations may then be performed, by end-working tools only, on work of diameters up to $3\frac{1}{8}$ in.

When turning is being carried out, the tool-holder is swung upwards hydraulically, and one of a number of radially-adjustable stops, provided at the tool stations, is held in contact, under a pre-set pressure, with the lower surface of a guide plate mounted on a bracket at the rear of the bed. The tool-bit then engages with the front edge of the guide plate so that it is supported close to the cutting edge. Power feed can be applied to the tool-holder in either direction so that turning can be carried out towards or away from the headstock. Cutting strokes in both directions are controlled by separate sets of stops which are

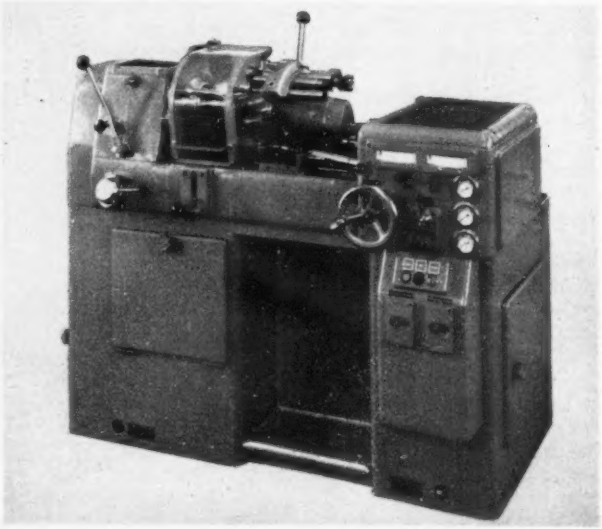


Fig. 1. Boley & Leinen Leromat 36 high-speed turret lathe

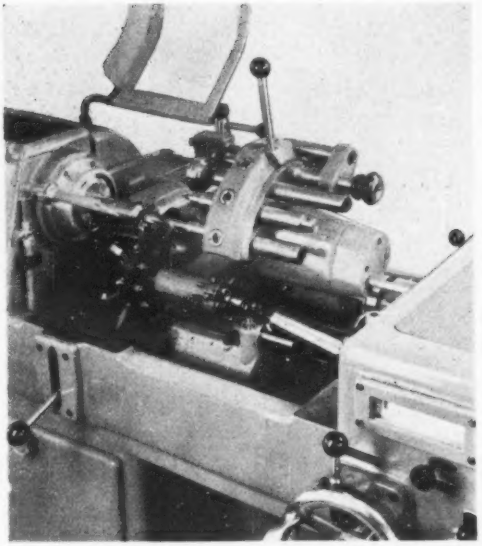


Fig. 2. Close-up view of the Boley & Leinen Leromat 36 turret lathe shown in Fig. 1

automatically indexed simultaneously with the tool-holder when the latter is returned to its starting position. If required, the automatic indexing mechanism can be disengaged and different cutting tools can then be brought to the working position by rotation of a handwheel on the side of the control unit. The guide plate can be tilted through angles up to 10 deg. in each direction for taper turning, and it may be moved clear, towards the rear, by movement of a lever on the side of the control unit, when, for example, thread rolling is to be carried out with a head of fairly large diameter. For boring operations, the tool-holder is swung downwards hydraulically to bring one of a second set of radially-adjustable stops into contact with another guide plate, which is mounted at the front of the bed, and can be swivelled upwards to the working position when required.

Coolant equipment is provided, and part of the base at the headstock end forms a container for swarf, which is removed through a door at the front. Equipment available includes a thread chasing attachment, and a weight-operated bar feed unit. The lathe weighs approximately 20½ cwt., and occupies a floor space of 35½ by 59 in.

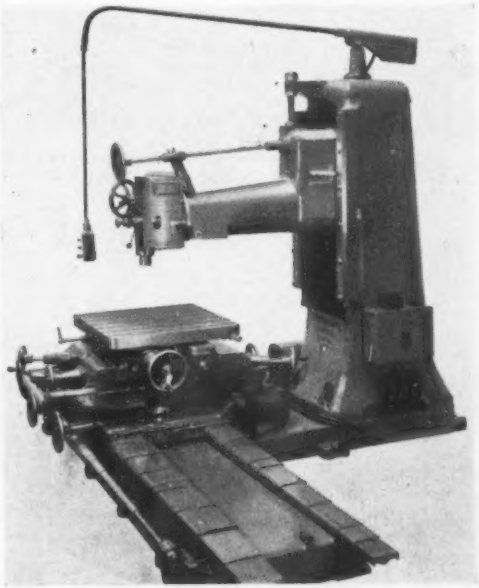
Elgar Machine Tool Co., Ltd., 172-178 Victoria Road, Acton, W.3, are the exclusive distributors in this country for Boley & Leinen turret lathes.

Wadkin Universal Pattern Milling Machine with Power-operated Table

Wadkin, Ltd., Green Lane Works, Leicester, have recently developed the type W.Z. universal pattern milling machine shown in the figure, which is equipped with a heavy power-operated table. The rigidity of this table enables large patterns in both metal and wood to be handled, and the steplessly-variable feeds permit heavy cuts to be taken at high speeds, and close limits to be maintained.

An overhanging arm, which carries the cutter head, is mounted on gibbed slideways on the main column and can be raised and lowered by power, provision also being made for fine hand adjustment. The power motion is obtained from a motor incorporated in the arm, which drives the elevating screw through worm gears. There is a swivel adjustment for the cutter-spindle head through 160 deg., from 50 deg. above the horizontal to 20 deg. beyond the vertical, and location for the principal angles is obtained by spring plunger. A lever feed is provided in addition to a fine screw feed, and the spindle nose is bored No. 5 Morse taper to accommodate cutter-holders and cutters.

Drive to the spindle is transmitted by a short-



Wadkin type W.Z. universal pattern milling machine with power-operated table

centre flat endless belt from a 4/5-h.p. motor built into the spindle head. Six speeds, ranging from 850 to 4,200 r.p.m., are provided by the pole-changing motor and a frequency changer, and the direction of cutter rotation can be reversed by means of a switch.

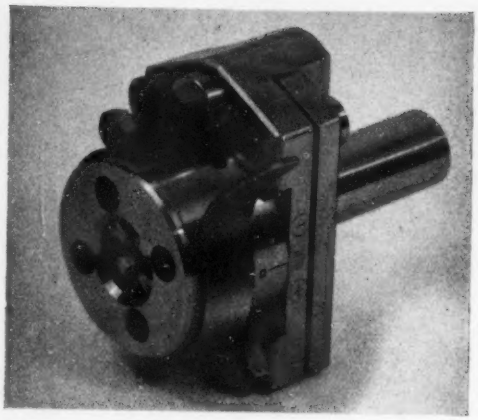
A Ward Leonard set provides the steplessly variable feeds for the table unit on the 10-ft. 10½-in. long bed, and rates from 3 to 90 in. per min. are obtainable over a distance of 7 ft. 3 in. In addition, the table unit has a steplessly-variable power rotary motion on the main saddle at speeds from ⅛ to 4 r.p.m. The T-slotted top table, which is 3 ft. square, can also be rotated by hand or power, and has hand longitudinal and cross traverses of 2 ft. and 3 ft., respectively. Hand-wheels are provided in connection with all power drives for fine setting. Dead stops are fitted to the longitudinal and cross slides, and there are plungers for locating the table at the principal angles. A loose centre piece in the top table facilitates work location.

The distance from the centre of the cutter spindle to the face of the column is 49 in., and the maximum heights of the spindle above the table, when in the vertical and horizontal positions, are 22 in. and 27 in., respectively. Radii up to 5 ft. can be machined by employing the rotary power motion of the table unit. From the floor to the table top, the height is 36⅜ in., and a floor space of 13 by 10 ft. is required for the machine, which weighs approximately 95 cwt.

Coventry Type XT ¼-in. Capacity Die Head

Recently introduced by Alfred Herbert, Ltd., Coventry, the Coventry type XT self-opening die head, here shown, has a capacity for cutting screw threads from 12 B.A. to ¼-in. Whitworth.

Although primarily intended for use on single-spindle automatics, such as Brown & Sharpe No. 00G, B.S.A. No. 48 and C.V.A. No. 8 machines, the die head may also be employed on small-capacity capstan and centre lathes. It incorporates an external tripping mechanism which can be set for cutting very short threads, and is designed to prevent accidental opening of the chasers by centrifugal force, during rapid indexing of the turret on high-speed automatics. Since the shank is hollow, screw threads of any length within the capacity of the die head can be cut. An adjustable spring-loaded arrangement is incorporated which permits movement of the chaser head in relation to the shank, in both directions, to compensate for any small difference between the pitch of the threads being cut and the lead of the feed cam. Because the chasers are similar to those employed in other Coventry ¼-in. capacity die heads, sharpening can be carried out with the aid of the standard Coventry grinding fixture and height gauge.



Coventry type XT ¼-in. capacity, self-opening die head

British-built Wiedemann Type R61 Turret Press

The British-built Wiedemann type R.61 turret press, here shown, has recently been added to the range marketed by Dowding & Doll, Ltd., 346 Kensington High Street, London, W.14.

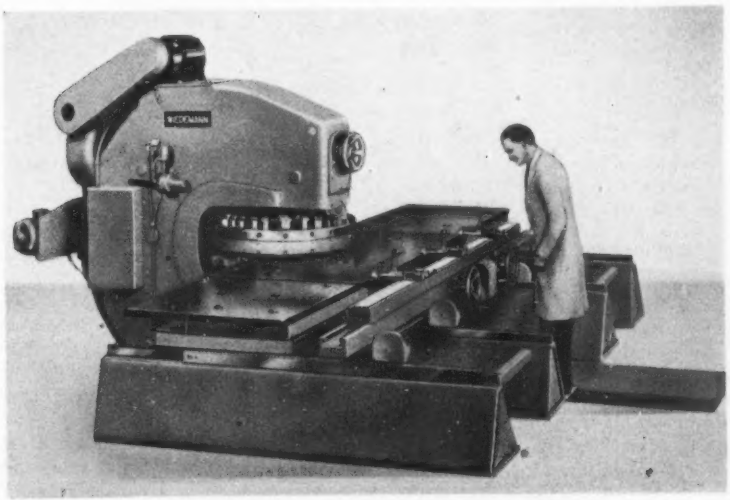
Of 80,000 lb. capacity, the press enables holes up to 6 in. diameter to be pierced in ⅛-in. thick mild steel plates and up to 1½ in. diameter in ⅜-in. plates, for example. Interchangeable punches and dies can be readily mounted in the upper and lower turrets for producing holes of various sizes and shapes within the capacity of the press. In addition, notching may be carried out, and louvres, countersinks and knockouts for electrical conduit can be formed in the work.

Dies larger than 2 in. diameter are mounted in interchangeable holders, each of which is located on the lower turret by three pins. Two pins at the outer end are rotated, for releasing the holder, by means of a tommy bar. The third pin is fixed to the turret and engages with a slot at the inner end of the holder. Strippers of new design are incorporated, which are secured by thumb screws and can readily be released when the set-up is to be changed. The punches are accurately located for angle by means of precision keys, and the holders in which they are mounted can be quickly removed from the upper turret when changing a set-up.

The press has a throat depth of 33 in., and the clearance between the dies and strippers is ⅝ in. Drive to the hardened steel cranksnatt, which gives a ram stroke of 1¼ in., is taken from a 3-h.p. motor, through V-belts to the flywheel, and thence by a sliding multi-jaw clutch and worm gearing. An operating speed of 60 strokes per min. is thus provided. The clutch is operated electrically, and an interlocking arrangement is incorporated, which prevents accidental engagement of the crankshaft drive, when the work and turrets are being set between piercing operations. A separate ½-h.p. geared motor is provided for indexing the turrets, which are located positively at each working station.

Large-diameter steel balls mounted in anti-friction bearings are incorporated in the work table, to permit easy movement of large work-piece blanks. A platform for the operator is attached to the table saddle.

The front edge and the right-hand end of the plate to be pierced are brought into contact with stops, and the blank is then secured to the table by clamps. Next, the table is traversed in two directions at right angles, by handwheels, for setting two edges, or datum lines marked on the blank, in relation to the centre lines of the turret operating station. Subsequent table settings are made with reference to a chart and scales mounted above the handwheels. Three columns are provided on the chart, which indicate the number of the turret station to be employed for each piercing operation, and the corresponding longitudinal and cross settings of the table. During the working cycle of the press, the chart is indexed, so that the references for setting the turrets and table for the next piercing operation are brought to the viewing position.



The British-built Wiedemann type R.61 turret press

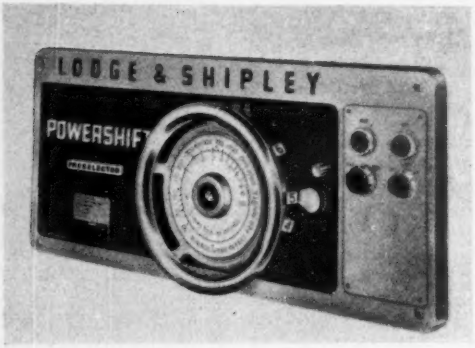
Powershift Selector System for Lodge & Shipley Lathes

Lathes in a new range developed by the Lodge & Shipley Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A., designated Powershift Selector, are available in swing capacities of 13, 16, and 20 in. These lathes are being built as engine, toolroom, and gap-bed types, also for 45 and 90 deg. copy-turning by the Copymatic system. A close-up view of pre-selection control panel, which is mounted on the front face of the headstock, is shown in the figure.

The dial seen in the centre of this panel has an inner (stationary) scale which is graduated in inches, representing the diameter of the workpiece, or the cut to be taken. Concentrically-mounted with this dial, is an outer, rotatable ring, which is graduated in ft. per min. of cutting speed. When the required cutting speed is set on this dial against the diameter to be machined, the pre-selector mechanism automatically calculates the corresponding spindle speed and maximum safe horse-power, which are indicated in a small window immediately above the dial.

By setting the dial mechanism in this manner, the required spindle speed is pre-selected and the necessary gear-shifting movements are initiated by a lever mounted on the saddle. This lever also controls the starting and stopping of the spindle. In addition to the speed in use, six further changes can be pre-selected, for use at later stages of the operation, and the settings for these speeds can be marked by means of consecutively numbered tabs which are adjustable around the outside of the dial.

Gears in the headstock are shifted by an electro-hydraulic mechanism, and a hydraulic oscillator is employed to ensure smooth engagement, without damage to the ends of the teeth. The



Close-up view of the spindle speed pre-selecting panel provided on the Lodge & Shipley Powershift Selector lathe

headstocks on these machines are so designed that they can be used in conjunction with a programme-control system for the automatic selection of any number of spindle speeds.

Since the operator can select a fresh cutting speed while the machine is working, idle time is reduced. Moreover, by using the correct cutting speed for each different diameter, tool wear and changing is lessened, and costs are reduced. The use of the correct cutting speed also results in an improved surface finish, and subsequent finishing operations may thus be facilitated or eliminated.

The agents for the Lodge & Shipley Co. in this country are E. H. Jones (Machine Tools), Ltd., Hove, Sussex.

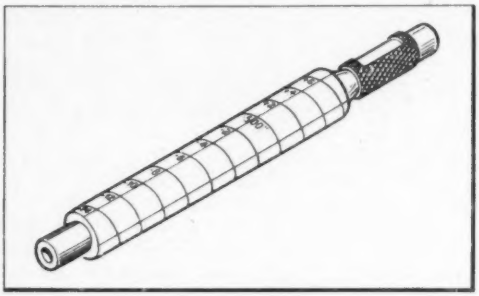
Pre-Size Taper Plug Gauge

The recently-introduced Pre-Size taper plug gauge, shown in the figure, provides a means of quickly measuring the actual diameter of a hole during the final stages of an internal grinding operation for example. Consequently, the need for estimating the amount of metal to be removed from the bore before it will receive a parallel "go" plug gauge is avoided.

A taper portion of the gauge has an overall length of about 2 in., and the diameters at its ends are 0·006 in. larger and 0·014 in. smaller than the nominal size. A continuous helical line and four axially-extending lines, at 90 deg. to each other, are marked on the surface. The helix angle of the continuous line is such that the diameter of the gauge at the points of intersection with the axial lines, varies in steps of 0·0005 in. Numerals are marked on the gauge which indicate the difference in diameter from the nominal size at each intersection point. When the gauge is inserted in a bore, the amount of metal to be removed to obtain the required diameter is indicated by the line intersection which coincides with the end face of the work.

The gauges are available in two sets, one of which comprises six items with nominal diameters ranging from $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ in. in $\frac{1}{16}$-in. steps. There are eight gauges in the second set, which have nominal diameters ranging from $\frac{7}{8}$ to 1 in.

Optical-Mechanical (Instruments), Ltd., 17 Station Road, Egham, Surrey, are the sole distributors for Pre-Size taper plug gauges, for which a patent (No. 799,830) has been granted.



"Pre-Size" taper plug gauge

Barnesdril No. 307-2 2-spindle Honing Machine

The Barnesdril No. 307 honing machine built by the Barnes Drill Co., Rockford, Illinois, U.S.A., is here shown fitted with a 2-spindle honing head and work loading and unloading equipment for handling cast-iron cylinder liners on a fully-automatic cycle.

Designated No. 307-2, this machine enables the 3·150-in. bore by 5·393-in. long liners to be honed at the rate of 144 per hour, when operating at 80 per cent efficiency. During the honing cycle, 0·002 to 0·004 in. of metal is removed from the workpiece bore, which is held to a tolerance of 0·0005 in. for roundness and taper, and 0·0007 in. for diameter, with a surface finish of 25 to 30 micro-inches r.m.s.

Vertical movement of the honing head is effected by two hydraulic cylinders, and the steplessly-variable traversing speeds obtainable range from 10 to 75 ft. per min. Plugmatic sizing units are incorporated in the head, which permit honing

to be continued by each spindle independently until the workpiece bore has been brought to the required diameter.

Rapid expansion and collapse of the hones at the beginning and the end of the working cycle, also radial adjustment of the stones for applying the cut and to compensate for wear, are effected electronically. An indicator is provided on the control panel to show when the honing stones require to be changed.

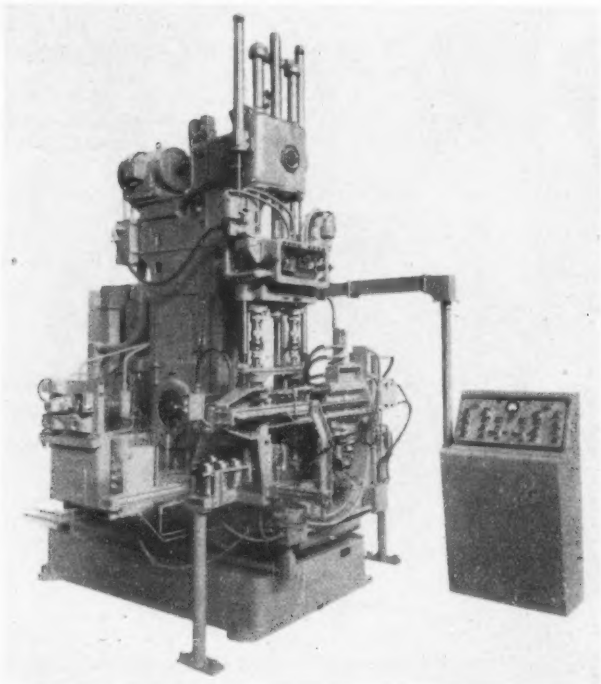
Liners are carried by an 18-in. diameter, 2-station, indexing table which incorporates two pairs of work-holding fixtures. At the end of the indexing movement for bringing a pair of liners to the honing position, the table is stopped by limit switches, and then located positively by stops. The work handling equipment is operated hydraulically, and the various movements are interlocked electrically.

A maximum of three liners can be accommodated on guide rails at the left-hand end of the bed in readiness for loading. When the leading component has been moved to the extreme right-hand end of these rails, a cylinder, mounted at right angles, is brought into operation by the action of a proximity pick up. As a result, the workpiece is transferred to a second pair of guide rails at the rear, and is then moved parallel with the first pair of rails by another cylinder. Simultaneously with the latter motion, the piston of the first cylinder is returned to its starting position, and is then again brought into operation, to move a second liner on to the rear guide rails. The centre distance between the workpieces now corresponds to that between a pair of fixtures.

When the piston of the first cylinder has again been returned to its starting position, a transfer carriage is moved to the left, and four mandrels, attached to this unit, are lowered. Two of these mandrels pass through the bores of honed liners on the fixtures, and the others engage with the fresh components. Next, the mandrels are expanded to grip the liners which are then raised. At the same time, a cylinder-operated pusher block, at the right-hand end of the transfer carriage, is lowered. Thereupon, the transfer carriage is moved to the right so that the fresh components are located above the fixtures. Simultaneously with this action, honed liners, which were transferred, at a previous unloading operation, from the fixtures to a discharge chute at the right-hand end of the bed, are moved clear by the pusher block. The mandrels are now lowered so that the fresh components are loaded in to a pair of fixtures, and the honed liners are discharged on to the chute.

When the mandrels have been collapsed, spring clips engage with shouldered portions of the honed liners to prevent accidental movement, and the fresh components are secured to the fixtures by clamps, which are operated by cylinders through an arrangement of levers. The clamps are so applied that the liners, which have thin walls, are held without distortion. Finally, the mandrels are moved upwards clear of the components, and the pusher block is returned to its original position.

The honing cycle is automatically started when the liners have been loaded and clamped. In the event of incorrect location of the liners on the fixtures, however, due to dimensional inaccuracies, for example, the honing cycle cannot start, and the work-loading sequence is repeated. In this way, the faulty parts are transferred



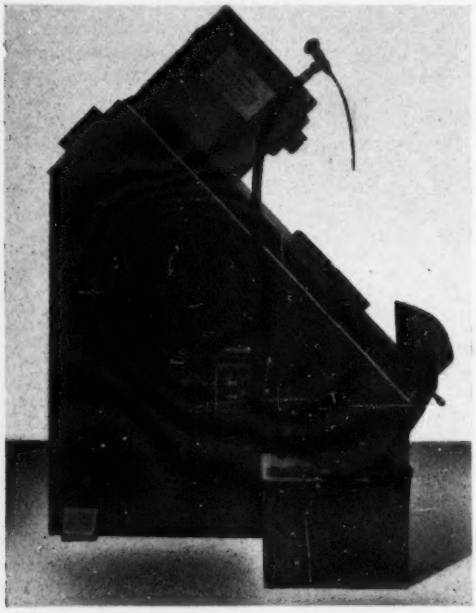
Barnesdril 2-spindle honing machine fitted with automatic work loading and unloading equipment for cylinder liners

to the discharge chute, and another pair of liners is loaded on to the fixtures.

The Barnes Drill Co., are represented in this country by Gaston E. Marbaix, Ltd., Devonshire House, Vicarage Crescent, London, S.W.11.

Farrell Single-spindle Boring Machine

Originally developed by R. T. Farrell (Machine Tools), Ltd., 14/15 Station Buildings, Altrincham, near Manchester, for performing a boring operation on a specific component, the single-spindle



Farrell single-spindle boring machine

machine, here shown, can be supplied as a simple and inexpensive unit for drilling and boring a variety of workpieces.

Secured to the upper end of the inclined bed, the spindle head is driven by a 2-h.p. motor, through V-belts and change gears housed in the fabricated steel base. A single- or 2-speed driving motor can be supplied to provide spindle speeds ranging from 50 to 2,500 r.p.m. Mounted in opposed taper roller bearings at the nose end, and a parallel roller bearing at the rear, the spindle is bored No. 5 Morse taper, and external threads and location diameters are provided to receive special boring bars.

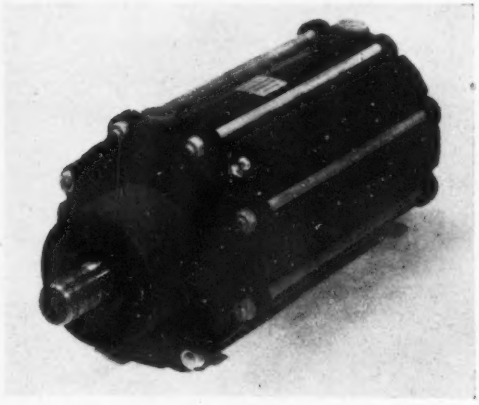
Provision is also made for the attachment of multi-spindle drilling heads.

The 16½- by 12-in. table, which has a central recess and a tenon slot for locating work-holding fixtures, is power-traversed by a screw, located between the flat bedways, and driven by a separate 2-h.p. motor. Various table feeds can be obtained by change gears, and the working stroke is controlled by stops, adjustably mounted on a trip bar at the rear of the bed. Engagement of cutting feed and a constant-speed rapid power traverse for returning the table to its starting position, is made by a conveniently-placed lever. Coolant equipment can be provided if required.

Broughton Heavy-duty Air Cylinders

The accompanying illustration shows a typical example from the new range of heavy-duty air cylinders which has been developed by J. Broughton & Son (Engineers), Ltd., Security Works, Factory Centre, Kings Norton, Birmingham, 30. Particularly intended for arduous working conditions, these cylinders are made with bores ranging from 4½ to 12 in. diameter and are fitted with large-diameter piston rods and cast steel end covers. The pistons, which are of steel, incorporate heavy-duty fabric-based seals.

A feature of the design is that the rod seal can be removed quickly and easily, without the need for dismantling the cylinder itself. These cylinders



Broughton heavy-duty air cylinders

are specially suitable for use in foundries and coal mines, for example, or in any installation where the working conditions are such that heavy-duty equipment is required.

Gloster Control and Measuring Equipment

Some Recent Products of the Technical Developments Division of the Gloster Aircraft Co., Ltd.

With the increasing complexity of modern aircraft in general, and of the control systems in particular, the role of the research and development section of an aircraft company has assumed a steadily growing importance. The problems connected, for example, with both the automatic and assisted control of present day, large, high-speed aeroplanes are often overcome by the application of techniques and mechanisms which are more normally associated with the engineering rather than the aircraft industry, and it was an early recognition of this fact that led the Gloster Aircraft Co., Ltd., Gloucester, to widen their activities and to explore the industrial field as a possible market for some of their developments.

The company's existing research and development departments were already divided into two main groups, namely structural and engineering research, and it was from the latter that, some 2½ years ago, the present Technical Developments Division was formed. The work of this Division is divided roughly in the proportion of 70 per cent development and component production for aircraft and 30 per cent for industry, but it is hoped that, eventually, this ratio will be reversed.

Control systems and instrumentation in aircraft are divided generally into four main groups, hydraulic, pneumatic, electric, and electronic, and it is the accumulated experience of the company in those fields which is now being made available to industry in general. The intention is to specialize in complete control systems, rather than in individual items or instruments, and to supply all components from the company's own resources.

ELECTRO-HYDRAULIC SERVO CONTROL SYSTEM

One of the more recent developments of the Division is an electro-hydraulic servo control system which, in addition to being suitable for use in aircraft, can also be applied to machine tools. It can be employed either to control a hydraulic motor driving a cutter or work spindle, for example, or as a positional control system for a machine slide or spindle head. Basically, the system comprises a combined pilot valve and main valve assembly and a mark/space generator, the former serving the particular drive involved and the latter receiving instructions direct from a punched tape or similar source.

The combined pilot and main valve are shown separated, and in diagrammatic form, in Fig. 1, and a view of the unit is given in Fig. 2. Referring to Fig. 1, it will be seen that the main valve at (*A*) is supplied with pressure oil by way of the two ports *B*. With the valve spool in the central position, as shown, the oil acts on the outer faces of the two lands on the spool, also on the ends of the latter, and is allowed to escape, through the slots *C*, to the opposed in-line connections *D* on the pilot valve. Here, the oil passes through two small orifices and impinges on each side of the diaphragm *F*, which is held rigidly by the periphery and is located centrally between the outlets of the orifices. When the system is in the state

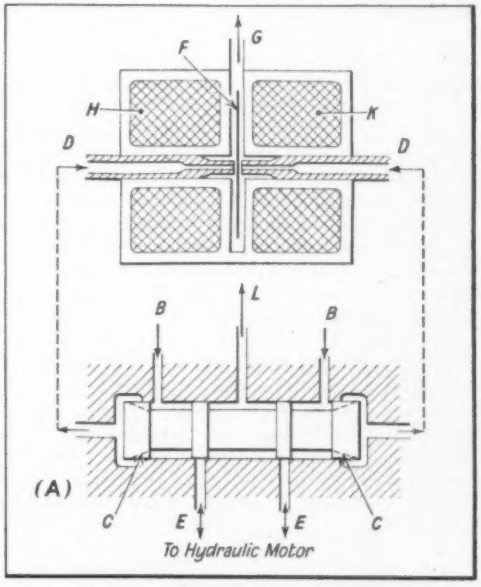


Fig. 1. Diagram of the principle of operation of the pilot and main valve used in the electro-hydraulic servo system which has been developed by the Technical Developments Division of the Gloster Aircraft Co., Ltd.

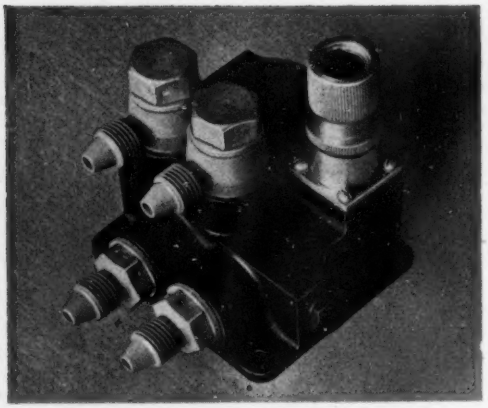


Fig. 2. The combined pilot and main valve unit which is shown in diagrammatic form in Fig. 1

just described, there are equal pressures in the chambers adjacent to the ends of the spool in the main valve, and equal pressures on each side of the diaphragm *F*, so that the circuit is in balance. The lands on the main valve spool are closing the outlet ports *E*, and the pressure oil continuously escapes from the exhaust port *G* of the pilot valve.

There are two coils, *H* and *K*, in the pilot valve which can be energized, as required, to attract, magnetically, and flex the diaphragm *F* to one side or the other. If the signal to the coil *K*, for instance, is stronger than that to the coil *H*, the diaphragm will be flexed to the right, and the gap between its surface and the outlet nozzle of the right-hand orifice in the pilot valve will be decreased. As a result, the rate of flow of oil from the right-hand orifice is decreased, and, in consequence, the pressure in that line is increased. At the same time, the flow of oil from the left-hand orifice in the pilot valve is increased, since the gap between its outlet and the diaphragm is now greater. Consequently, the pressure of the oil in the right-hand pilot connection is reduced. As a result of this unbalancing of pressures and flows, the spool in the main valve will move to the left and uncover the ports *E*. The right-hand port is thus free to deliver pressure oil direct to a hydraulic motor, for example, and the left-hand port is connected to the exhaust *L*.

Movement of the main spool to the left results in a reduction of the effective discharge area of the slots *C* at the right-hand end of the spool, since these are of tapered form, and, correspondingly, an increase in the discharge area of those at the left. As a result, the oil pressure in the right-hand pilot connection is reduced once more, that in the left-hand connection is increased, and a balance is restored to maintain the main spool in its new position. Immediately the strengths of the signals to the coils *H* and *K* are equal, the diaphragm will return to its central position, and, as a result of the consequent changes in flow and pressure in the pilot connections, the main valve spool will do likewise. If signals to the coil *H* are stronger than those to the coil *K*, the initial movement of the main spool will, of course, be the reverse of that just described.

THE MARK/SPACE GENERATOR

As already mentioned, the system incorporates a mark/space generator, and it is this unit which transmits signals to the coils in the pilot valve to increase and decrease the strength of the magnetic fields. In its steady state, the generator emits a square wave signal, of the shape shown at *X* in Fig. 3, where the width of the mark is equal to the width of the space. With this type of signal, the coils *H* and *K*, Fig. 1, receive impulses of equal strength, and the system remains in balance. The shape of the signal can be modified to that shown at *Y* in Fig. 3, the width of the space being increased at the expense of the width of the mark, with the result that one coil is excited more than the other. Similarly, the width of the mark can be increased at the expense of the space, as shown at *Z* in Fig. 3, when the strength of the signals to the coils is reversed.

Instruction to the mark/space generator for

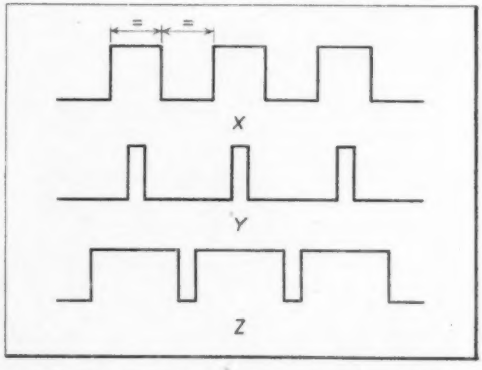


Fig. 3. The basic square-wave signal transmitted by the mark/space generator of the servo system is shown at *X*. The spacing of the wave form can be modified as shown at *Y* and *Z*, where the space and the mark have been altered in width, one at the expense of the other

varying the proportions of the wave signal can be transmitted from any suitable control system, ranging from a magnetic or punched tape to a simple cam and lever mechanism operating a potentiometer. Moreover, the generator can be arranged to compare the instructions it is receiving with those transmitted from an error feed-back system, and to modify the signals so that the desired result is achieved. An example of such a demand and error circuit is shown in Fig. 4, which represents, in diagrammatic form, the electro-hydraulic servo system applied to the hydraulic motor drive for a machine tool table.

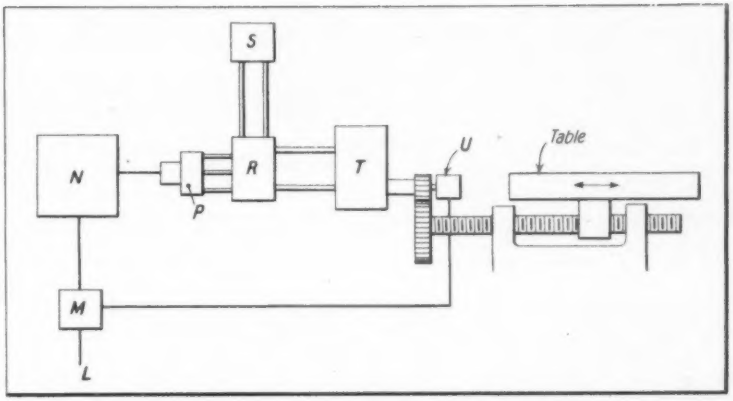


Fig. 4. Circuit showing the servo-system applied for controlling a hydraulic motor driving a machine tool table. The system incorporates an error feed-back, which modifies the basic demand signal by passing information regarding the actual motor speed, which may vary according to the load applied

The demand signal, entering at *L*, is passed through a mixing box *M*, the significance of which will be explained later, to the mark/space generator *N*. Here, the basic square wave form seen at *X* in Fig. 3 is modified, in the manner previously described, to excite the coils within the pilot valve *P*. For clarity, the pilot valve is shown in Fig. 4 separated from the main valve *R*. Pressure oil is supplied to the main valve *R* from a pump set *S*, and is delivered at the required rate of flow to a hydraulic motor *T*, which is coupled, through reduction gearing, to the machine table traverse screw. Directly coupled to the hydraulic motor, there is a tachometer *U*, arranged to transmit a signal, indicating the true motor speed, to the mixing box *M*. If, for any reason, such as an increased load on the machine table, the speed of the motor is decreased, the unit *M* takes note of the difference between the demanded motor speed and the actual motor speed and, by further modifying the mark/space generator signal, makes the necessary adjustment to the oil flow rate. A similar adjustment is made should the speed of the motor increase, due, for instance, to a reduction in the load on the table.

Alternatively, if the system is employed to govern the position of a machine slide, for instance, the mixing box can be arranged to accept signals from an electronic counting unit which is set to emit pulse signals at regular intervals and is positively driven by gears from the table movement. When the required number of signals has been received, the supply to the mark/space generator is interrupted, and the slide is stopped.

NON-CONTACT TYPE PROFILE INDICATOR

The Division is also producing a profile indicator based on a design which was originally developed by the R.A.E., Farnborough. This unit operates on the non-contact principle and is based on measuring the variations in distance between a fixed probe and the surface of a workpiece by noting changes in capacitance. This equipment has been applied for measuring the amount of camber ground on such components as large mill rolls, and is capable of detecting changes in profile as small as 0·000014 in. The probe has a flat disc-like head, which, preferably, should be about 1-in. diameter, but can be as small at $\frac{1}{32}$ in., and is equipped with a micrometer adjustment for setting the gap between its front face and the workpiece. This gap is normally of the order of 0·015 in., and the probe is carried in a rigid mounting attached to a suitable slide arranged for longitudinal movement. In the application quoted above, of measuring the camber on a mill roll, the probe was mounted on the grinding head slide, which was traversed in conjunction with the cambering mechanism in the same manner as when grinding. The roll in question was 27 in. diameter by 56 in. long, and the total camber over the entire length was 0·0025 in.

Variations in capacitance between the probe and the workpiece which occur as the gap increases

and decreases are indicated either on a dial-type instrument, which is suitably calibrated in linear units, or on a pen-type recorder, if a permanent record is required. Other applications for this equipment include the measurement of eccentricity of a rotating shaft, the measurement of vibration, and the determination of the profile of a D.C. generator commutator during use. It is also suitable for checking surface smoothness, and could be used, for example, for inspecting bearing balls.

FORCE TRANSDUCERS

The force transducer seen in Fig. 5 is one of a range produced by the Division for both industrial and aircraft use. These units enable tensile or compression forces, also displacements and pressures, to be accurately measured either close to the transducer or remotely. Operation depends on four bridge-connected variable inductances, which are energized from a single-phase alternating current supply. The core member *W* is arranged to have a restricted axial movement in the body portion, and the application of tensile or compressive forces to the core cause a variation in the magnetic circuit, and, correspondingly, in the electrical output. The output voltage is a sine wave which is either in phase or anti-phase with the supply, depending on the direction of the applied force.

The core of the unit shown in Fig. 5 is arranged for eye-bolt connection and is suitable for recording tensile forces, but the attachment point can be, within reason, of any desired shape to suit customers' requirements. These units can be supplied to measure loads ranging from 2·5 to 100,000 lb., and are available with visual indicators of centre or side zero pattern which can be used in conjunction with an audible warning system or arranged to shut down the machine concerned should the forces applied exceed a predetermined figure. They are suitable for a variety of industrial applications, including the measurement of the forces applied by the rolls in steel and paper mills, and the loads on crane hooks, cables, and guy ropes, for example.

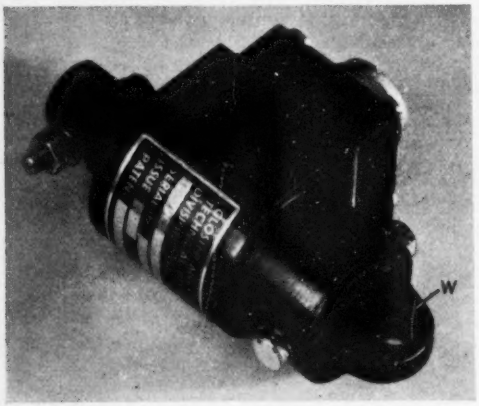


Fig. 5. One of the range of force transducers which can be employed for measuring the forces applied by rolling mills, for example

Features claimed for these transducers include the absence of brushes or electrical contacts of that nature, and insensitivity to wide variations in temperature. By fitting simple rubber or neoprene sleeves, moreover, units can be completely sealed against the ingress of dust and moisture.

Among other industrial equipment which has been developed may be noted a range of flow meters and flow switches. The high-pressure flow meter is of in-line flow design, and comprises a tapered sliding plug which is held in the closed position by a spring. Fluid passing through the meter raises this plug against the spring force and causes an electrical contact to be moved across the windings of a potentiometer. This potentiometer is connected to a suitably calibrated indicator which can be mounted remotely from the flow meter Such meters are available in a range of sizes, covering flow rates from 0·5 to 300 gall. per min. and can be operated at pressures up to 6,000 lb. per sq. in.

Flow switches include a general purpose type, which incorporates " pre-set flow " and " no-flow " contacts, and a micro-flow switch, primarily intended for use in lubricating systems for machine tools. This switch also operates on a sliding piston principle and can be used to detect a fall in oil flow in a system which has been set to deliver a quantity as low as one drop per min. When such a fall occurs, a pair of contacts is opened, to switch off a machine driving motor, for example.

NEW ADHESIVE FILAMENT TAPE. The Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co., Ltd., 3M House, Wigmore Street, London, W.1, have developed a new type of adhesive tape which is intended for heavy packaging applications. This tape, which is known as Scotch brand No. 880, is similar in appearance to transparent cellulose tape but is reinforced with a large number of rayon filaments which extend for the entire length. The tape can be used for closing cartons, also for reinforcing seams and for bundling such items as timber, pipes, and cables. It is stated that the tape has a high resistance to impact, is flexible and easy to handle, and may be used in place of encircling steel bands. The widths available range from ¾ to 1 in.

Vaughan Associates Machine Tool Demonstrations

Copy-turning with Ceramic Tools on a +GF+ Lathe

A working exhibition arranged to draw attention to some of the latest + GF + developments in automatic copying lathes was held recently at the Nottingham showrooms of Vaughan Associates, Ltd., 4 Queen Street, Curzon Street, London, W.1, and two type KDM. 7/50 lathes fitted with the LEV.7 automatic loader, and equipped for automatic starting and stopping of the spindles, were demonstrated linked together to form a fully-automated transfer group. Also on view was a type KDM. 11/40 lathe, with automatic bar feed and programme control for starting and stopping the spindle, actuating the in-feed slide, and controlling the coolant supply. A type KDM. 18/50 lathe was shown fitted with automatic control of the spindle and speed changing, also of the in-feed slide, and demonstrations were given of copy-turning with ceramic tools.

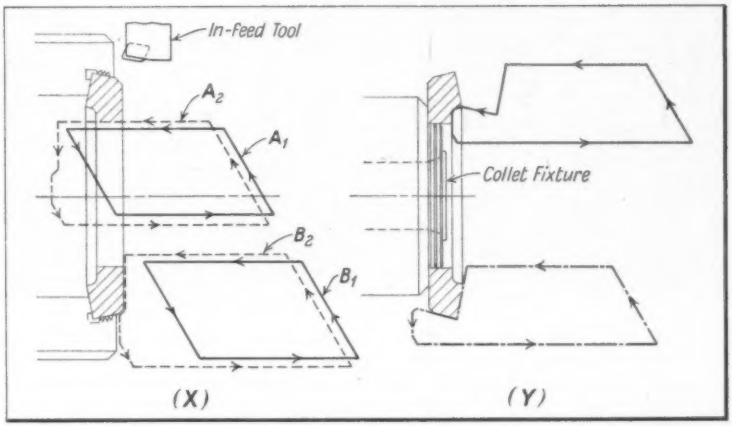


Fig. 1. Diagrams showing the tool paths for copy-turning operations with ceramic tools on a + GF + type KDM. 11/70C lathe

The machine employed for turning with ceramic was a type KDM. 11/70C, which is similar in capacity to the type KDM. 11/70 but has a top spindle speed of 2,800 r.p.m., extra heavy-duty bearings for the spindle, a live-centre tailstock, and a bed and slideways of increased rigidity. This machine has been specially developed as a result of exhaustive tests which have been carried out by the makers to provide a lathe which will exploit to the full the potentialities of this type of tooling.

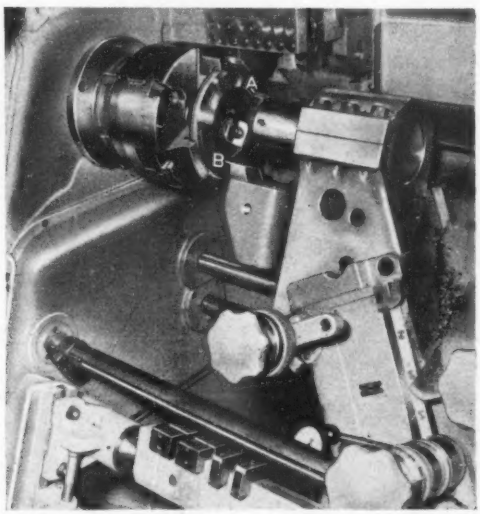


Fig. 2. Close-up view of the type KDM. 11/70C lathe showing the duplex tool holder. The tool at *A* is employed for two cuts in the bore of the work-piece, and the tool at *B* takes a finish facing cut and machines a chamfer

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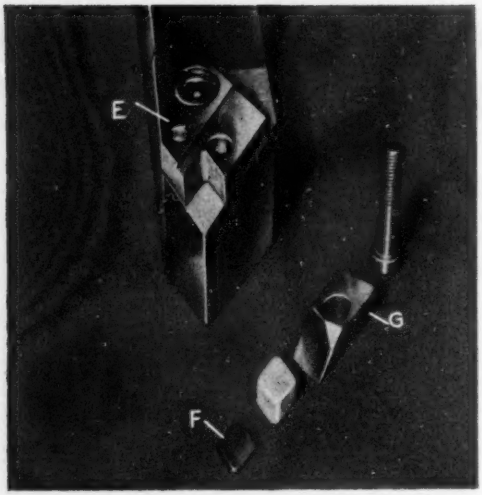

Fig. 4. The tool holder which is seen at *B* in Fig. 2 and is used for taking a finish facing cut and forming a chamfer on the periphery of the workpiece. A tungsten carbide anvil is inserted beneath the ceramic tip, which is held by a combined clamp and chip breaker

The workpiece which was turned during the demonstrations was the steel crown wheel seen in the view at *X* in Fig. 1. This part is received as a stamping, with an average of 0·080 in. of metal left on all faces, and the tensile strength of the material is between 40 and 50 tons per sq. in. An air-operated chuck, fitted with special jaws, is provided, and the blank is loaded by hand to be gripped on the periphery, with the face which will ultimately carry the bevel teeth innermost, and pressed against an angled face on each jaw. At the first operation, the in-feed slide, which is equipped with a lozenge-shaped ceramic tool, is employed to take a straight cut across the end face of the blank, for cleaning up, and is then rapidly retracted.

As can be seen in the close-up view, Fig. 2, there are two tools in a duplex holder on the copying slide. The upper tool, at *A*, which is carried in a boring bar, is used to take two cuts in the bore of the blank, and is set in advance of the tool *B*, which is employed for a finish facing cut. Corresponding with these two tools, there are two templates, as at *C* and *D* in Fig. 3, which are independently adjustable in relation to each other. Owing to the material allowance on the blank, it is necessary to take two cuts in the bore, and for the first cut the copying slide is advanced to bring the stylus into contact with a dead stop, at which position it is held clear of the template *C*. The longitudinal feed is engaged, and the first pass through the bore is taken, the paths of the tools *A* and *B* being shown at A_1 and B_1, respectively, in Fig. 1.

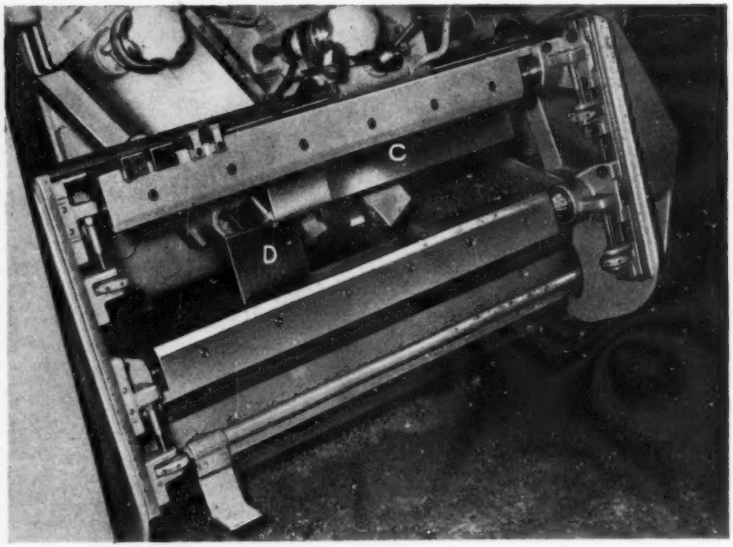

Fig. 3. Close-up view of the two templates used for copy-turning one side of a crown wheel. When the stylus has traversed the horizontal template *C*, for the boring operation, it contacts the vertical template *D*, for finish facing

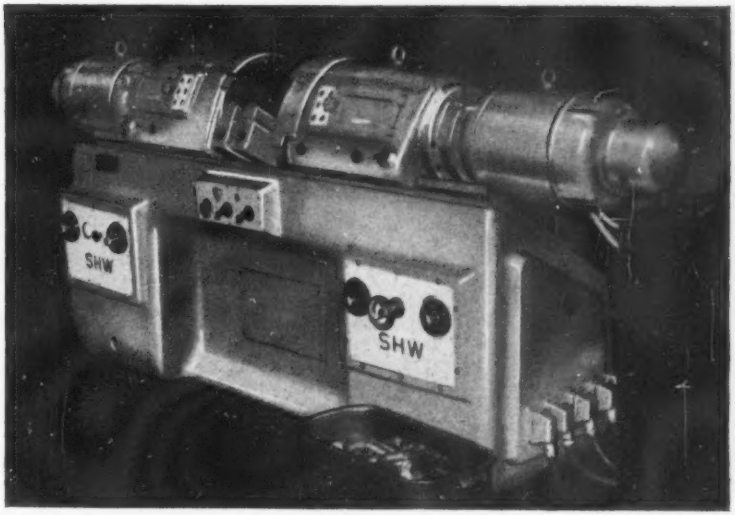

Fig. 5. A general view of the new Schwäbische Hüttenwerke Hydroplan Zentra type DZ 80 facing and centring machine

When this cut has been completed, the dead stop is retracted and the copying slide advanced until the stylus contacts the template *C*, for the second pass through the bore. As the tool moves clear of the inner face of the work, the stylus contacts the vertical face of the template *D*, and the copying slide is retracted to allow the tool *B* to take a vertical finish facing cut and machine a chamfer on the periphery. The paths of the two tools during this second operation are indicated at A_2 and B_2 in Fig. 1.

For machining the opposite side of the wheel, the blank is reversed and loaded on to an air-operated collet fixture, which grips it by the bore and pulls the end face, machined at the first operation, into contact with the collet, as seen in the view at *Y* in Fig. 1. A radiused recess is machined in the bore and the taper faces for the bevel teeth are turned, by the upper and lower tools respectively. In the view at *Y*, the paths of the upper and lower tools are shown by solid and chain-dotted lines.

Turning is carried out at a spindle speed of 900 r.p.m. for all operations, the cutting speed varying from 1,050 to 1,800 ft. per min. For the first set-up, a feed rate of 0·008 in. per rev. is employed for the in-feed slide, 0·014 in. per rev. for the boring cuts, and 0·007 in. per rev. for the finish facing cut. For the reverse side of the blank, both cuts are taken at a feed rate of 0·007 in. per rev. At 80 per cent efficiency, these crown wheels are turned at the rate of 29 per hour.

Information was given at the exhibition concerning experiments which have been carried out by Georg Fischer at their Schaffhausen works on the machining of crown wheels similar to that described. The material, however, was equivalent to B.S.En.363, which was normalized at 1,750 deg. F., and had a Brinell hardness between 156 and 196. With a ceramic tool, a wheel could be machined in 0·39 min., whereas with a tungsten carbide tool the time required per wheel was 3·3 min. It was found that 200 workpieces could be machined with one ceramic tool, having a total of four cutting edges.

In Fig. 4 is shown a close-up view of the tool seen at *B* in Fig. 2, which is employed to take a finish facing cut on the workpiece and to machine a chamfer on the periphery. The shank is of high-tensile steel and has a step machined in the upper surface to receive the locating block *E*, which is screwed and dowelled in position. This block has a V-shaped notch to receive the lozenge-shaped ceramic tip and its tungsten carbide anvil *F*. The locating block *E* also has a step on its upper surface, to provide a seating and a location for the combined tip clamp and chip breaker *G*. There are clearance holes in the parts *E* and *G*, to receive the clamping screw which engages a tapped hole in the main shank, and the hole in the part *G* is elongated to permit adjustment of the latter relative to the cutting edge of the tip.

The ceramic tools used during the demonstrations were supplied by Feldmühle Südplastik und-Keramik G.m.b.H.

NEW FACING AND CENTRING MACHINE

Demonstrations were also given at the exhibition of a new facing and centring machine by Schwäbische Hüttenwerke G.m.b.H., Wasseralfingen, Germany, for whom Vaughan Associates are the sole selling agents in the United Kingdom.

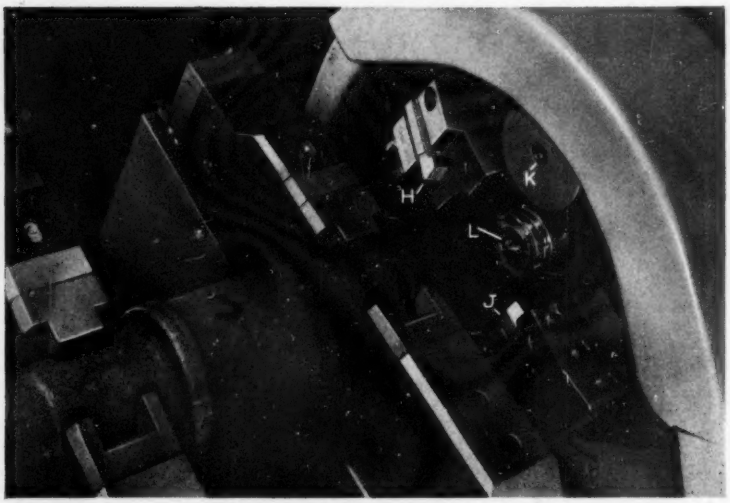

Fig. 6. Close-up view, from the rear, of the left-hand headstock of the Hydroplan Zentra facing and centring machine. Facing and chamfering cuts are taken by lathe tools carried in pivoting holders mounted on the front of a rotating drum

This machine, which is known as the Hydroplan Zentra DZ 80, is shown in Fig. 5, and is made in three sizes, to accept work with maximum lengths of 31½, 40½, and 59 in. A maximum work diameter of 3·15 in. is common to all sizes. The machine is hydraulically operated, and the facing cuts are taken by conventional turning tools which are carried in pivoted tool holders on the front face of a drum in each headstock. A close-up view of the left-hand headstock, from the rear of the machine, is given in Fig. 6, where the facing tool is indicated at *H*, and a chamfering tool at *J*. Each tool is carried on an arm, which is pivoted about a centre as at *K* on the large-diameter headstock drum. This drum is driven, and, simultaneously, the tool-carrying arms are arranged to turn about the centres *K* so that the tools feed radially inwards towards the centre line of the work. At the finish of the cut, the drum is retracted and the tool arms return to the "out" position. During these latter movements, the centring spindle *L*, which is carried in an axially-sliding quill, automatically advances to centre the blank and is then retracted.

Each drum is driven by a directly-coupled, 3-h.p., pole-changing motor, which gives two speeds of 450 and 700 r.p.m. The feed rates for the turning tools and the centring spindles, both of which are actuated hydraulically, are steplessly-variable. In Fig. 6 may also be seen the hydraulically-operated self-centring vices for gripping the workpiece. These vices are adjustable longitudinally on the bed, and on all three sizes of machine can be brought close together to hold work of a minimum length of 3½ in. The headstocks can be adjusted on the bed in a similar manner. In front of each headstock there is a sliding cover, which automatically advances to shroud the tool head when the start cycle button is pressed. The operating controls are grouped on a panel in the centre of the machine, and other controls are mounted on panels at the right- and left-hand ends of the bed. These machines can be arranged for automatic loading and unloading from a magazine, if required.

"Fluted Core" Process for Glass Fibre Radomes—A variation of the lost wax technique is being employed by Bristol Aircraft, Ltd., for the production of radomes for use on the company's Britannia aircraft. The radome has an inner and an outer skin of glass cloth with integrally-moulded intermediate corrugations or cells, which are formed by winding glass cloth tape around flexible wax mandrels or formers. With the inner and outer skins laid in their respective moulds, and the tape-covered wax mandrels in position between the two, the entire assembly is clamped together and a cold-setting resin is injected from the bottom.

When the resin has cured, the mould is opened and the dome is placed in an oven for the post-curing process, during which the wax mandrels are melted out. Various advantages are claimed for this method of construction, including increased strength of the finished part, closer dimensional accuracy, reduced costs, and the fact that, since the tooling can be fabricated in glass laminate, the need for expensive machining operations has been eliminated. It is stated that the process can also be operated with a hot-setting resin, if required.

News of the Industry

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RUSTON & HORNSBY, LTD., are well employed on a wide variety of home and overseas orders for stationary, portable, mobile, marine propulsion, and auxiliary power oil engines. In addition, we may note that gas turbines, narrow-gauge, shunting and underground haulage diesel locomotives, steam boilers, pumping sets, and centrifugal pumps are in progress. The firm's largest marine installation, to date, has recently been completed, comprising two main propulsion engines, together with auxiliaries for a passenger-cargo liner, and, from the boiler department, a 35- by 8-ft. diameter column has been dspatched to Northern Ireland, for use in the production of synthetic rubber. Our attention was drawn to the N.F.B. gas bearing circulator, which is the first product from the company's nuclear engineering division. This device has been developed for use in nuclear installations where it is necessary to overcome the problems associated with the circulation of gas at high temperature and pressure, without leakage.

RUSTON-BUCYRUS, LTD., are engaged in the production of various sizes and types of excavators, walking draglines and auxiliary equipment for public works contractors, and for mining, coal-cutting, and quarrying purposes, for both the home and export markets. Among the products to be shown at the Public Works and Municipal Services Exhibition, to be held at Olympia from November 10 to 15, may be mentioned a 22RB crane-excavator with a lifting capacity of 22 tons, equipped with a 70-ft. boom and a 20-ft. offset jib, and mounted on a Foden six-wheeled chassis, powered by a 126-h.p. engine; a cambered-boom drag-shovel with a ¾-cu. yd. hoe-type dipper; and a 7-cu. yd. dragline bucket, weighing 12,500 lb. A demonstration was recently given to public works contractors engaged on opencast mining for the National Coal Board, of a 150-RB electric dragline fitted with a 100-ft. boom and 7-cu. yd. bucket, at the Amberswood coal site, Hindley, near Wigan.

SMITH-CLAYTON FORGE, LTD., are steadily occupied with the production of a variety of forgings for the motor car, motor vehicle, tractor and aircraft industries. These items include axle-shafts, camshafts, crankshafts, connecting rods, flywheels, hubs, gears, and gas turbine rotor wheels and discs.

CLAYTON DEWANDRE CO., LTD., report a good call for their various products which include vacuum and air pressure brakes, air heaters, automatic brake adjusters, exhausters, and mechanical and automatic lubricators. A new brochure has recently been issued describing the firm's road vehicle equipment and developments to which

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A scale model of one of the three Schuler transfer presses installed in the works of Vauxhall Motors, Ltd., is now on view in the showcase of Pearson Panke, Ltd., 1-3 Hale Grove Gardens, London, N.W.7, in the main concourse at London Airport. The display includes six components made on the transfer presses, and for three of these parts there are samples showing all the operation stages

attention is drawn include air pressure trailer equipment, and a vacuum-hydraulic unit, known as the Hydrovac, for power braking. The latter utilizes vacuum, developed at the engine-intake manifold, or by vacuum pump in the case of a diesel engine, and atmospheric pressure, for its operation.

Recent additions have been made to the range of Clayton-Still wire-wound heat transfer tubes, and are described in another recently-issued booklet.

GWYNNES PUMPS, LTD., have a big programme of centrifugal, axial-, and mixed-flow, and turbine-type pumps in hand, for both home and overseas customers. Centrifugal pumps of 48- and 54-in. sizes are on order for Liverpool Docks, 36-in. pumps for Bombay, and 45-, 48- and 54-in. pumps for various power stations, and for storm water and sewage schemes. For various land drainage projects, orders are in hand for axial-flow pumps of 16-, 24- and 42-in. sizes, also four 45-in. pumps for British Guiana, and 12-in. pumps for dredger equipment for South Africa and for British Road Transport. In the works our attention was drawn to a recently-installed Broadbent 10-ft. vertical boring and turning mill, and a special, traversing-head, vertical spindle milling machine, equipped with inserted blade face milling cutters, for machining pump joint faces.

WILLIAM FOSTER & CO., LTD., have recently extended their foundry bay and our attention was drawn to the main section of a large pontoon which was recently produced for despatch by road to Gloucester for British Transport Commission Waterways. It measures 49 ft. long, 16 ft. wide, 4 ft. 6 in. deep, and weighs 17 tons. Equipment to be built into the pontoon includes a Gwynne 10-in. gravel pump, a Ruston-Paxman oil engine, and a 10-in. diluting pump driven by a Ruston oil engine. This order is the third of its type executed for British Transport Commission Waterways.

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Gainsborough

MARSHALL, SONS & CO., LTD., have a variety of work in hand, including road rollers and tractors and ancillary equipment, also fabricated components and Class 1 fusion-welded pressure vessels. Recent developments include the production of vibratory processing machinery, and conversion plant, for salt water to fresh water, in which cupro-nickel is extensively employed, is in progress for Gibraltar. Another innovation is the manufacture, under licence, of the packaged boilers designed by Cleaver-Brooks Co., U.S.A. The latest addition to the plant is a Churchill Rigidhobber.

NORTHERN MANUFACTURING CO., LTD., have a good order book for all types of gear-cutting, and gear reduction units of the spur, double-helical, and worm types. We may note recent orders from steel works, shipyards, general engineers, lift makers and the atomic energy commission. This firm has been appointed sole agent for the United Kingdom and Commonwealth countries for the Simplabelt variable-speed drive.

ROSE BROTHERS (GAINSBOROUGH), LTD., are well employed on the production of wrapping and labelling machinery for a variety of trades, and on precision self-aligning spherical bearings and spherical bearing rod ends.

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C.I.R.P. 8th General Assembly

The general assembly of the International Institution for Production Engineering Research (C.I.R.P.), was held recently in this country for the first time, and was attended by representatives from many different countries, including Australia, Belgium, Britain, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Germany, Holland, Sweden, and Switzerland. At the close of the Assembly, Dr. D. F. Galloway, director of the Production Engineering Research Association of Great Britain, and a founder member of C.I.R.P., was elected vice-president of the Institution for the ensuing year, and he will officiate in this capacity during the 9th assembly, which will be held in Switzerland in 1959. The C.I.R.P. was founded to establish a common meeting ground on which scientists in the field of production technology could discuss problems freely, and research workers from 14 different countries submit their findings to the Institution.

During the course of the recent assembly, more than 30 papers were presented, covering such subjects as: the properties of spark-eroded surfaces; methods of measuring machinability; performance and wear characteristics of ceramic tools; deep drawing; hydraulic power transmission; investigations into vibration in machine tools; the effect of temperature variations on the accuracy of measurements; and the control of machine tool testing procedure.

We understand that arrangements are being made by the C.I.R.P. for the publication of all the papers presented, in due course, but some information has already been issued concerning the contents of selected theses.

In connection with research on cutting tools, and ceramic tools in particular, careful attention has been paid to tool wear, and details were given of experiments carried out under controlled laboratory conditions. It was pointed out that since there are

considerable variations in the quality of the tools at present available, no general conclusions can be drawn, and the results obtained must be specifically related to the particular tools concerned.

In a paper on the properties of spark-eroded surfaces, Mr. M. Barash, of the Manchester College of Technology, reported that there was clear evidence, in the case of annealed mild steel strip and hard rolled brass, that the spark erosion process tended to produce residual tensile stresses in the surface layers.

Tests on normalized mild steel that had been spark eroded showed a reduction in endurance of 15 per cent as compared with the figures obtained from a component of the same material which had been turned.

An account was given of experiments in which the surface texture of bored cylinders was measured by means of bearing area curves, which, it is claimed, give clearer and more comprehensive results than the c.l.a. method. Details were also given, in another paper, of two new measuring machines of large capacity designed to facilitate the direct length measurement of pin and rod gauges. One of these machines had a capacity of 80 or 120 in. and gave direct readings to 0·00005 in., and the other, for lengths exceeding 120 in., to 0·0001 in. Another paper was concerned with machine tool scales with optical reading devices.

Electro-chemical Machining

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maintained regardless of the area involved. Attention was also drawn to the possibility of mounting a series of electrodes in a row, with the lengths progressively increasing in steps of a few thousandths of an inch. When such an array is traversed across a surface, an effect akin to broaching is obtained, each electrode taking a slightly deeper cut.

Another American company has also reported very promising results from an electro-chemical machining process for sinking cavities. In this instance, it is stated, the electrode resembles that employed for spark machining and may be inexpensively produced from such materials as tin, lead, or solder. There is virtually no limit to the current that can be applied provided that it does not exceed 50 amp. per sq. in. of electrode area, and with a 100 sq. in. electrode and a 5,000 amp. power supply, the metal removal rate is about 30 cu. in. per hour.

Evidently, chemical—as opposed to mechanical—methods of removing work material are destined to play an increasingly important part in the future, and in many instances their value will be greatly enhanced by utilizing electrolytic action to localize and accelerate the attack.

Some of the authorities who attended the 8th general assembly of the International Institution for Production Engineering Research, photographed on the occasion of a visit to P.E.R.A., Melton Mowbray (left to right), R. Weill (Belgium), Dr. J. Koloc (Czechoslovakia), M. Czaplicki (Belgium), Professor R. Van Hasselt (Holland), Col. F. Eugene (France), Professor H. Opitz (Germany), Professor R. Molle (France), J. Simonet, behind, (France), Professor E. Kivimaa (Finland), General P. Nicolau (France), Professor H. Wright Baker (Manchester College of Technology), Professor O. Kienzle (Germany), Professor G. Pahlitzsch (Germany), Dr. D. F. Galloway (Director of P.E.R.A.), Professor P. Landberg, (Holland), Professor E. Bickel (Switzerland, President of C.I.R.P.), N. A. Esserman (Australia), Dr. H. Tornebohm (Sweden), Dr. J. Tlusty (Czechoslovakia), and J. L. Remmerswaal (Holland).

Books Received

BUSINESS AND SPECIALIZED PUBLICATIONS OF GREAT BRITAIN. The Council of the Trade and Technical Press (A Council of the Periodical Proprietors Association, Ltd.), Imperial House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2.

This booklet, which includes an introduction by The Rt. Hon. Sir David Eccles, P.C., K.C.V.O., M.P., President of the Board of Trade, has been published to provide concise information about the business and specialized press of Great Britain. It includes a chapter on the scope and function of the trade and technical press; an alphabetical list of weekly, fortnightly, monthly, and quarterly publications, with essential information on each; and a classified guide by industries and subject matter.

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 and 1948—SUMMARY FOR IRON AND STEEL WORKS (third edition). The United Steel Companies, Ltd., 17 Westbourne Road, Sheffield, 10. 72 pp. [Copies may be obtained free, on application to the Welfare Office at the above address.]

In this booklet, the summary of the main provisions of the Factories Acts relating to Iron and Steel works, which was first published by the company in 1945, has been revised and brought up to date. Of pocket size, with flexible cover, the booklet is written in the language of the layman, and it includes sections devoted, for example, to the application of the Acts, health and welfare, safety, accidents and industrial diseases, employment of women and young persons, and inspectors and appointed factory doctors.

HUTTE: TASCHENBUCH FUR BETRIEBSINGENIEURE (Vol. II). Verlag von Wilhelm Ernst and Sohn, Berlin. 810 pp. [Price 66 D.M.]

This second volume of a well-known reference book, which has now reached its fifth edition, gives a very comprehensive survey of various fields with which the works engineer may be concerned. The subjects covered include building construction, heating, lighting, ventilating, refrigeration, steam raising, pumping, prime movers, pipe and communication systems, transport and conveyors, work and time study, progress planning, storage, ovens and furnaces, electrical transmission, switchgear, and fuel-burning systems. A large amount of data is presented in tabular form, and the whole has been carefully indexed.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH TENSILE ALUMINIUM BRONZE ALLOYS FOR MARINE PROPELLERS. The Mond Nickel Co., Ltd., Thames House, Millbank, London, S.W.1. 24 pp.

Based on a paper presented to the Institute of Dutch Shipbuilders and Shipowners in 1957, this illustrated publication draws attention to the excellent mechanical properties of the complex aluminium bronze alloys containing nickel, and their resistance to corrosion and erosion. These properties have led to a rapid increase in the use of such alloys for many types of marine propellers, with important economic advantages. Various technical and production factors are considered and it is explained how they must be applied in practice if satisfactory results are to be obtained.

A REVIEW OF PRODUCTIVITY IN PACKAGING.—British Productivity Council, 21 Tothill Street, London, S.W.1. 77 pp. (Price 5s.).

It is here pointed out that the yearly expenditure on packaging in British industry has risen from an estimated total £300,000,000 in 1950 to a figure of not less than £400,000,000 in 1957, and in order to maintain low costs and a high rate of productivity it is apparent that packaging must now be considered as an integral part of production processes. Numerous examples of good practice in packaging are given, and in a chapter entitled "Variety Reduction" it is suggested that standardization of containers may provide a means whereby considerable economies can be obtained. Among the various types of containers considered may be noted, steel drums, collapsible tubes, and rigid and semi-rigid plastics packages and films.

ADVANCED PATTERN MAKING. By L. L. Cox. The Technical Press, Ltd., 1 Justice Walk, Chelsea, London, S.W.3. The Machinery Publishing Co., Ltd., National House, 21 West Street, Brighton, 1. 222 pp. [Price 45s. 0d. net.]

Successful repetition casting in the foundry depends on the provision of correct and robust patterns and coreboxes. In this book, the emphasis is on wood patterns, but some attention has been given to the problems of pattern-making in metal. The text is arranged in 20 chapters which are concerned with such aspects of the subject as mould and pattern joints, core prints, pattern and casting design, pattern equipment for small numbers of castings, loam moulding, plaster work, plate and machine moulding, and moulding machines. The standard is that required for the final examination of the City and Guilds of London Institute.

PRACTICAL ENGINEERING METROLOGY. By K. W. B. Sharp, B.Sc., A.M.I.Mech.E., A.M.I.Prod.E., F.R.S.A. Sir Isaac Pitman & Sons, Ltd., Parker Street, Kingsway, London, W.C.2. Machinery Publishing Co., Ltd., National House, 21 West Street, Brighton, 1. 249 pp. [Price 30s. 0d. net.]

Systematic study of the methods of metrology has now become essential for those employed in inspection departments, and due significance is attributed to the subject in certain qualifying examinations. Consequently, this book is of considerable importance. The author starts with a general discussion on equipment and methods, and then goes on to consider the measurement of length, radii, straightness and flatness, and angles and tapers. Certain special inspection problems are subsequently discussed, including the measurement of screw threads, the testing of machine tools, and the measurement of surface texture. Some information is also included on the checking of measuring equipment and the design of gauges and instruments.

As a clear exposition of fundamentals of engineering dimensional measurement, the book may be confidently recommended. The style is clear and succinct, and the treatment is comprehensive.

Trade Publications

RENOLD CHAINS, LTD., Renold House, Wythenshawe, Manchester.—Catalogue listing the range of Renold products, which includes chains and chain wheels for power transmission; chains and wheels for mechanical handling; chains for mechanical devices; chain cases, accessories and tools; clutches; and chain mortise gear.

WHITTAKER, HALL & CO. (1929), LTD., Black Lane Engineering Works, Radcliffe, Manchester.—Leaflet concerned with additions to the existing range of Hydrovane stationary, oil-flooded, rotary-type compressors. These units are of the single- or 2-stage types, and have outputs ranging from 60 to 210 cu. ft. of air per min., at 100 lb. per sq. in. pressure.

CROMPTON PARKINSON, LTD., Crompton House, Aldwych, Strand, London, W.C.2.—Catalogue giving dimensional details and specifications of alternators and D.C. generators. The alternators, which range up to 1,500 kVA output, are of various types, as are the generators, which are divided into two ranges, namely F and M, for outputs up to 100 and 450 kW, respectively.

GEORGE GOODMAN, LTD., Robin Hood Lane, Hall Green, Birmingham 28.—Folder giving details of the company's technique for die casting very small zinc alloy parts. These parts, which are known as GG Minicasts, are made by a high-speed single-impression process, which is claimed to permit rapid production to a high degree of accuracy at comparatively low cost. The Minicast process is suitable for parts which weigh less than $\frac{5}{8}$ oz.

CHARLES WINN & CO., LTD., Saint Thomas Works, Granville Street, Birmingham, 1. Leaflet describing the operation, and giving dimensional details, of the range of "Economic" thermostatic hot and cold water blenders. These units, which can be employed among other purposes for industrial processes requiring a flow of water at a constant temperature, are available in pipe sizes ranging from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 in., and with water flow rates from $2\frac{1}{4}$ to 180 gall. per min., depending on the head.

BRITISH BOILER ACCESSORIES, LTD., 62/63 Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.3.—Leaflet describing the company's Helitube heat exchangers which are suitable for a wide range of industrial applications. The exchangers, which are of generally-cylindrical shape, are made in a variety of standard types and sizes, with heating surface areas ranging from 2·6 to 176 sq. ft. Special designs, and modifications to the standard types to suit customers' requirements, can be supplied.

NEWBOLD & BULFORD, LTD., Enbeeco House, Roger Street, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.1.—Illustrated catalogue describing the range of Enbeeco profile projectors which are suitable for use at all stages of production, from checking tools, dies, and prototypes in the tool room to the final inspection of finished parts. There are five basic types of these projectors, with magnifications ranging from 10 to 100×, and each has a specimen table equipped with micrometer adjustments for the lateral and transverse movements.

OFFICE APPLIANCES, LTD., Omal House, 169 Tottenham Court Road, London, W.1.—Illustrated leaflet describing the range of Ultra adding machines. These machines are built by the Oerlikon Machine Tool Works Buehrle & Co., Zurich, Switzerland, and are made in three basic types, namely, the H8-S, the E5, and the E 7S. The latter is an electrically-operated machine with listing and totalling capacities of 10 and 11 columns, respectively, and provides for direct subtraction and automatic credit balancing.

BROWN & WARD (TOOLS), LTD., Hatherton Lane, Leamore, Walsall, Staffs. Illustrated leaflet describing the company's automatic, electric, magazine bar feed which has been developed to increase the efficiency of automatic screw machines, also to improve the production rates of capstan and turret lathes. The magazine can be charged with 18 bars of $\frac{3}{4}$ in. diameter, or 65 bars of $\frac{1}{4}$ in. diameter, and is operated solely by electrical means. There are two types of this bar feed mechanism for accommodating maximum stock lengths of 8 or 10 ft.

BRITISH RAWHIDE BELTING CO., LTD., 246/248 Great Portland Street, London, W.1.—Catalogue giving details of a large number of the forms and sections in which Nylon can be supplied for use in the engineering and allied industries; sizes of the standard gears and sprockets which the company make in Nylon; and standard sizes of Texolex blanks which are particularly intended for the production of silent-running gears. Also included are dimensions and horse-power ratings of three sizes of "Toughness" reduction gearboxes, which incorporate case-hardened steel worms and phosphor-bronze worm-wheels.

KENDALL & GENT, LTD., Victoria Works, Gorton, Manchester. Catalogue covering the range of standard plano-milling machines built by the company, and including illustrations and brief descriptions of a number of special machines of this type which have been designed to suit customers' requirements. The first section is concerned with the design features of the main machine elements, namely, the bed, columns, work-table, and cross-slide. Next, the various types of milling heads are discussed, and details are given of the drive to the table, and the gearboxes associated with the traverse motions to the milling heads and the cross-rail. In a section devoted to extras, attention is drawn to the new incremental feed system, whereby the depth of cut for a finishing pass is selected by a control knob graduated in 0·001-in. divisions, also to cycle milling, and "steering" control systems. Other extras include snout and right-angle milling attachments, and auxiliary rotary tables which can be supplied either for mounting directly on a machine table or on a sub-bed arranged for independent longitudinal traverse motion. In the final section there is a series of line drawings of the complete range of machines and milling heads, with comprehensive dimensional details, speed and feed rate ranges, and capacities.

Industrial Notes

FIRTH CLEVELAND FINANCE, LTD., have opened a branch office at 6 Grey Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (telephone number Newcastle 21511), under the management of Mr. J. C. Ging.

THE COMPOFLEX CO., LTD., have opened a flexibles warehouse and service depot at 109, High Street, Godalming, Surrey (telephone number Godalming 2269). A complete range of standard hoses will be carried.

THE TACK ORGANIZATION, Longmoore Street, London, S.W.1, have issued a booklet giving the names and products of some of the many companies for whom they have trained staff members in salesmanship.

F.U. (LONDON), LTD., inform us that their offices have been moved to Berridge Works, Magna Road, South Wigston, Leicester (telephone number, Wigston 3519), the address of I. L. Berridge & Co., Ltd., the makers of the F.U. variable speed unit.

THE ENGINEERING METROLOGY ASSOCIATION, Northampton College, London, E.C.1, have issued a booklet entitled "The First Six Years." It includes a foreword by the president, Mr. F. H. Rolt, a table indicating the range of metrology, notes on papers presented at the first fifty ordinary meetings, and a list of members.

MACHINE TOOL ORDERS during August were valued at £4,345,000 (including £1,218,000 for export). Deliveries in the month totalled £5,363,000, of which £1,286,000 was for export. At the end of August, the value of orders in hand was £63,145,000, and of this total export orders accounted for £16,473,000.

NORTH DOWNS ENGINEERING CO., LTD., Westway, Caterham, Surrey, are now under new control. In this connection the following appointments have been made: Mr. F. Hope, B.Com., managing director, Mr. C. F. N. Hope, B.A. (Cantab.), G.I.Mech.E., technical director, and Mrs. M. T. Hope, director.

A EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF PURCHASING was recently formed at a meeting in Dusseldorf. The Purchasing Officers Association is among the founder members and further information can be obtained from the secretary Mr. J. R. Blinch, Wardrobe Court, 146a Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.4.

CONSOLIDATED PNEUMATIC TOOL CO., LTD., 232 Dawes Road, London, S.W.6, inform us that owing to the lifting of dollar import restrictions, they can now offer the full American range of Duff Norton jacks, in addition to the types which are being made in the United Kingdom. Some 200 jacks are included in this range and they have applications in many branches of industry.

THE NEWALL ENGINEERING CO., LTD., inform us that they have recently installed, in their central metrology department at Peterborough, the latest type Leitz universal measuring machine. The instrument, which enables measurements to be made to 0·00002 in. over 40 in. ongitudinally or 8 in. transversely, is stated to be the first of its kind to be employed in Great Britain.

JOHN CURRAN, LTD., have transferred the whole of their engineering activities, covering the production of aero engine test equipment, also radar and general engineering, to their main works at No. 15 Building, Curran Road, Cardiff. The heavy installation, packaging and carpentry division will be located, as before, at the Packing Depot, Cardiff (Pengam Moors).

AMAR TOOL & GAUGE CO., LTD., Grove Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex, are now marketing a range of nitrided plug and gap gauges which, it is claimed, last four to five times as long as those that are untreated. These gauges conform to B.S.969/1953, and the plug gauges, which are available in single- and double-ended types, incorporate the B.S. recommended taper lock fixing for the handles.

PEASMARSH REINFORCED PLASTICS, LTD., Peasmarsh, Guildford, Surrey, is a new associate company of Coburn Engineers, Ltd., which has been formed to undertake the production and sale of the Pema plastics door for workshops, store-rooms, and garages. The new company will also handle experimental work in connection with glass-fibre reinforced plastics components to the individual requirements of customers.

METAL PROTECTION PRODUCTS, LTD., is the title of a new company which has been formed, with Mr. H. T. Stillwell as managing director, to handle the sales and distribution of friction proofing products of the Wynn Oil Co. These products are now being manufactured in Europe and include additives for lubricants for all types of industrial and transport applications. The address of the new company is Wrencote House, High Street, Croydon.

THE EFFECT OF TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS ON EDUCATION.—So much interest has been aroused by the issue of the draft bibliography under this title that stocks were exhausted within two weeks of the first announcement. The Institution of Production Engineers, 10 Chesterfield Street, London, W.1, has therefore decided that the work shall be expanded and made available in permanent printed form, within the next two months. The price of this new edition will be 14s. 6d., plus 1s. for postage and packing.

THE BRITISH CONFERENCE ON AUTOMATION AND COMPUTATION (B.C.A.C.), which was founded in April, 1957, to facilitate the exchange of information on automation and computation between members, has begun publication of a bi-monthly booklet known as the B.C.A.C. Bulletin. The first issue is concerned with the activities of the International Federation of Automatic Control, and gives a comprehensive list of forthcoming meetings arranged by the B.C.A.C. and other bodies in the same field. Requests for copies should be addressed to, "B.C.A.C. Bulletin," c/o The Institution of Mechanical Engineers, 1 Birdcage Walk, Westminster, London, S.W.1 (price 1s. to individual members of member organizations; 2s. to non-members).

Personal

MR. L. SMITH has been appointed a director of Bramble Engineering Co., Ltd., Clay Lane, Coventry.

MR. W. H. ALDRIDGE and MR. S. F. OSBORNE have been appointed general manager and technical and sales manager, respectively, of F.U. (London), Ltd.

MR. J. E. TWISS has been appointed manager of the gravity die casting foundry of Slough Metals, Ltd., Oxford Avenue, Slough. He was formerly a development engineer with the Dowty Group.

MR. R. W. BOYD has been appointed technical representative for Scotland for Coventry Gauge & Tool Co., Ltd., Coventry. For several years he was assistant chief draughtsman at the company's Brechin, Angus, factory.

MR. N. B. BROOKS, M.C., has joined the board of Keelavite Hydraulics, Ltd., Allesley, Coventry. He is vice chairman of Richard Johnson & Nephew, Ltd., and was formerly chairman of the Bolsover Colliery Co., Ltd.

MR. EDWARD TAUCHERT, M.I.Mech.E., F.B.H.I., has been appointed managing director of Venner, Ltd., Kingston By-Pass, New Malden, Surrey. He was formerly works director, and, previously, general works manager.

MR. J. URPETH has been appointed Midlands representative for The Amar Tool & Gauge Co., Ltd., Grove Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex. He was previously with C. E. Johansson, Ltd.

MR. TOM BLYTH has been appointed home sales manager for S. N. Bridges & Co., Ltd., York Road, Battersea, London, S.W.11. He was previously Midland sales manager.

MR. C. H. ANGELL, A.C.A., chief accountant of the B.S.A. Tools Group of companies, and MR. P. B. HUGMAN, export manager, have been appointed directors of B.S.A. Tools, Ltd., Mackadown Lane, Kitts Green, Birmingham, 33.

Mr. J. F. MORTON has been appointed works director of Herbert Hunt & Sons, Ltd., Elsinore Road, Old Trafford, Manchester, 16, and MR. R. H. CARTER has been appointed sales manager. Mr. Morton was formerly works manager of the company.

MR. N. MCCANN has been appointed secretary and director, MR. R. G. J. NISBET, director of Canadian operations, MR. J. A. JACKSON, works director, and MR. W. N. SCOTTORN, sales director of Wolf Electric Tools, Ltd., Pioneer Works, Hanger Lane, London, W.5.

MR. D. C. MCCULLOCH, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, who has represented Rhodes, Brydon & Youatt, Ltd., as sole agent, for the past 22 years, is retiring at the end of this month. Mr. M. J. B. Hodgson, B.Sc., has been appointed area manager in charge of the newly-established Northern Counties office at 60 Highbury, Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 2, and is taking over from Mr. McCulloch.

MR. I. F. FISHER, M.B.E., has been appointed general works manager for British Timken, Ltd., and will be responsible for the management of the company's factories at Duston and Daventry. He joined the company in 1922, as a lathe hand in the tool room, and in 1946 was appointed works manager of the Duston plant. He is succeeded in the latter position by MR. S. H. JAKEMAN, who was formerly assistant works manager.

MR. E. B. M. GRUBB has been appointed general sales manager of Davis & Timmins, Ltd., Billet Road, Walthamstow, London, E.17, and the following have been appointed area sales managers: Mr. J. Whitleock (Midland region); Mr. M. Kelly (London and Home Counties); Mr. N. F. Fidler (Northern region); and Mr. A. C. Jones (Western region).

MR. RAYMOND J. POLLARD and MR. BRIAN V. POLLARD have been appointed directors of Fredk. Pollard & Co., Ltd., St. Saviours Road East, Leicester. Sons of Mr. John Pollard, a director, they were educated at Kimbolton School. Mr. Raymond served an apprenticeship with the British Thomson-Houston Co., Ltd., Rugby, and Mr. Brian, at Loughborough Engineering College. Both are employed on the production engineering staff of the company.

MR. G. TAYLOR and MR. C. D. MCWHINNIE have been appointed technical representatives for the retaining ring division of Geo. Salter & Co., Ltd., West Bromwich. Mr. Taylor, who will cover the Midlands area, joined the tool-room staff of the company 26 years ago, and since 1951 has been methods engineer for the retaining ring and fastener products. Mr. McWhinnie, who will be attached to the firm's Manchester office, has had considerable experience in the fields of jig and tool design, light-duty mechanical handling and contractors' plant, and textile machinery.

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Coming Events

ENGINEERING METROLOGY ASSOCIATION. November 20, at 7 p.m., in the Great Hall, The Northampton College of Advanced Technology, St. John Street, London, E.C.1; lecture on "Tape Control of Motion," by O. S. Puckle.

INSTITUTION OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS. *Yorkshire Branch.* November 19, at 7 p.m., at the George Hotel, Huddersfield; paper on "Quality in Engineering Manufacture," by F. Nixon. *North Eastern Branch.* November 17, at 6.30 p.m., in the No. 1 Chemistry Lecture Theatre, King's College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; paper on "The Bases of Measurement," by H. Barrell. *Northern Ireland Branch.* November 20, at 7.30 p.m., in the Kerr Room, Kensington Hotel, Belfast; paper on "Recent Developments in Journal Bearing Design with Mention of Dry Bearings," by R. J. Welsh. *Coventry A.D. Centre, Graduates' Section.* November 18, at 7.30 p.m., at the Wine Lodge, The Burgess, Coventry; and *Midland Graduates' Section.* November 17, at 7 p.m., at the Birmingham Exchange and Engineering Centre, Stephenson Place, Birmingham, 2; lecture on "Machinery Accidents and Their Prevention," by G. P. Brown.

JUNIOR INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS. November 21, at 7 p.m., at the Institution, Pepys House, 14 Rochester Row, Westminster, London, S.W.1; paper on "Printed Circuit Techniques," by P. A. Trigg.

INSTITUTION OF PRODUCTION ENGINEERS. *Birmingham Section.* November 19, at 7.30 p.m., at the James Watt Memorial Institute, Great Charles Street, Birmingham; lecture on "The Cold Extrusion of Metals," by R. Tilsley and J. Howard. *Coventry Section.* November 17, at 7.15 p.m., at the Craven Arms, High Street, Coventry; lecture on "Precision Grinding," by C. L. David. *Wolverhampton Graduate Section.* November 19, at 7 p.m., at the Wolverhampton and Staffs. College of Technology, Wulfruna Street, Wolverhampton; lecture on "Induction Heating and Its Applications," by D. G. Jones, B.Sc. *Derby Section.* November 21, at 7 p.m., in the Louis Room, St. James's Restaurant, St. James's Street, Derby; lecture on "The Spacematic," by W. J. Adams. *Peterborough Section.* November 19, at 7.30 p.m., in the Conference Room, Peterscourt, Peterborough; paper on "Inspection Standards and Techniques," by Prof. J. Loxham. *London Section.* November 20, at 7 p.m., at the Royal Empire Society, Northumberland Avenue, W.C.2; paper on "Human and Organization Problems in Inspection Departments," by R. M. McKenzie. *Southampton Section.* November 20, at 7.15 p.m., at the Polygon Hotel, Southampton; lecture on "Plastics for Tooling," by P. G. Pentz, B.Sc. *Western Graduate Section.* November 19, at 7.30 p.m., at the Royal Hotel, College Green, Bristol; lecture on "Lubrication in all its Aspects," by S. E. Holme. *Glasgow Section.* November 20, at 7.30 p.m., at the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, 39 Elmbank Crescent, Glasgow, C.2; lecture on "Quality in Engineering Manufacture," by F. Nixon, B.Sc.

PLASTICS INSTITUTE. *London and District Section.* November 18, at 6.30 p.m., at the Wellcome Building, 183-193 Euston Road, N.W.1; lecture on "Commercial and Cost Considerations in Injection Moulding," by A. B. Merriam.

Scrap Metals

†LONDON.—‡Prices per ton for non-ferrous scrap metals free from iron are as follows:—clean copper wire, untinned and free from lead and solder, £192; clean heavy copper, untinned and free from lead and solder, £183; copper, wire, No. 2, £178; clean light copper, £167; braziery copper, £150; gunmetal, £153; brass, mixed, £107; lead, net, £61; zinc, £32; cast aluminium, £94; old rolled aluminium, £112; battery lead, £33; unsweated brass radiators, £98; hollow pewter, £500; black pewter, £370.

MIDLANDS.—Although maximum scrap prices have been agreed between the National Federation of Scrap Iron, Steel, and Metal Merchants and the B.I.S.F. in respect of steelworks scrap supplies, few deliveries are, as yet, wanted at Midlands steelworks.

Merchants cannot find local outlets for heavy steel to specifications No. 1 and 2, and the problem of storing such scrap is still acute. Limited tonnages of specification No. 1 scrap are being exported, but prices are comparatively low and specifications tight.

A serious position as regards chipped turnings has been aggravated during the past week, with the news that at one of the blast furnaces in the Sheffield area it is no longer intended to use turnings. Merchants are holding large tonnages of chipped steel turnings, and the output from local factories continues at a steady rate far in excess of the quantities required by consumers.

Trading in cast iron scrap is now very keen and all parcels offered are quickly taken up. Prices have also improved for the light and medium qualities. Light steel scrap is moving steadily, for ultimate pressing into bundles for which there is a steady demand.

Short heavy steel scrap can be delivered to foundries but allocations are far too small to absorb all that is forthcoming. Many merchants have large stocks of short steel scrap and, in consequence, their shears are not being operated full time.

No markets are available in the Midlands for such material as destructor scrap and light iron.

Current maximum control prices, delivered consumers' works, are now: *Heavy steel No. 1, 217s. 6d.; *heavy steel No. 2, 196s.; *heavy steel No. 4, 207s. 6d.; *heavy steel No. 5, 195s. 6d.; light iron No. 8, 149s.; short turnings No. 9 (free from alloy), 167s. 3d.; light steel No. 11, 164s. 3d.; bushy turnings, 117s.; short alloy turnings, 160s. 9d.; short steel No. 2, 233s. 3d.; machinery cast, 233s.

Prices may be increased up to 2s. 6d. per ton according to quantities tendered over a given period.

* For use by Round Oak Steelworks, Brierley Hill, increase by 1s. 6d. per ton.
† George Cohen, Sons & Co., Ltd., 600 Commercial Road, E.14.
‡ Subject to market fluctuations.

EMPLOYMENT IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES. During September there was a net decrease of 1,000 in the number of persons employed in all manufacturing industries. In "engineering, metal goods, and precision instruments" there was an increase of 3,000; in "vehicles" a decrease of 3,000, and in "metal manufacture" a decrease of 2,000.

Machine Tool Share Market

Stock markets were active and generally cheerful during the period under review and there were many good features. Outstanding, was the continued upward movement in the commercial and industrial sections. Demand was not confined to front rank shares.

The general tendency was assisted by a number of favourable factors, including the ending of financial controls on hire purchase, and the expansive theme of the Government's legislative programme.

In the gilt-edged section moderate interest was sustained, but after remaining steady to firm, the market showed some reaction and became subdued.

Among machine tool issues, Edgar Allen advanced 1s. 6d. to 38s.; Asquith Machine Tool, 1s. 4½d. to 24s. 6d.; Birmingham Small Arms, 2s. 6d. to 37s. 6d.; British Oxygen, 6d. to 44s.; John Holroyd "A," 6d. to 13s.; John Holroyd "B," 6d. to 12s. 9d.; B. & S. Massey, 6d. to 9s. 6d.; Chas. Churchill, 3d. to 6s. 4½d.; John Harper, 1½d. to 16s. 1½d.; Alfred Herbert, 1s. 3d. to 37s. 6d.; and Kerry's (Gt. Britain), 7½d. to 6s. 10½d. On the other hand, Broom & Wade lost 9d. at 11s. 9d.; Geo. Cohen, 3d. at 10s. 6d.; Samuel Osborn, 9d. to 20s. 3d.; and John Shaw & Sons (Wolverhampton), 6d. at 13s. 9d.

KITCHEN & WADE, LTD. Interim dividend 6¼ per cent.

SAMUEL OSBORN & CO., LTD. Final dividend 12½ per cent, making, with the interim, a total distribution of 20 per cent for the year.

Obituary

MR. B. E. G. FORSLING, M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., manager of the gas turbine engineering department of British Thomson-Houston Co., Ltd., Rugby, died at his home in Rugby recently. He was well known for his work on the design of gas turbines for both land and marine use and was the author of several technical articles and papers on the subject.

MR. CHARLES H. CLARE, managing director of Clare Collets, Ltd., Broadheath, Altrincham, Cheshire, died recently at the age of 84. Before and up to the end of the first world war, he was with the machine tool firm of William Muir, Ltd., Manchester. He was the inventor of the Clare system for milling equipment, which was introduced in 1926 and provides positive drive, without slip or creep, for parallel shank milling cutters. In addition, he pioneered the roller box which is now widely used on capstan and turret lathes. The founder of the company, Mr. Clare was technical director from the time of its formation in 1919, until 1928, when he became managing director.

COMPANY		Denom.	Middle Price
Abwood Machine Tools, Ltd.	Ord.	1/-	9d.
Armstrongs, Stevens & Son, Ltd.	Ord.	5/-	8/3
Allen (Edgar) & Co., Ltd.	Ord.	£1	38/-
" "	5% Prf.	£1	15/3*
Arnott & Harrison, Ltd.	Ord.	4/-	15/6
Asquith Machine Tool Corp., Ltd.	Ord.	5/-	24/6
" " "	6% Cum. Prf.	£1	18/6
Birmingham Small Arms Co., Ltd.	Ord.	£1	37/6
" " "	5% Cum. "A" Prf.	£1	15/6
" " "	6% Cum. "B" Prf.	£1	18/-
" " "	4% 1st Mort. Deb.	Stk.	88½
British Oxygen Co., Ltd.	Ord.	£1	44/-
" " "	6½% Cum. Prf.	£1	22/-
Brooke Tool Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	Ord.	5/-	3/10½
Broom & Wade, Ltd.	Ord.	5/-	11/9
" "	6% Cum. Prf.	£1	17/9
Brown (David) Corporation Ltd.	5½% Cum. Prf.	£1	16/-
Buck & Hickman, Ltd.	6% Cum. Prf.	£1	17/9
Butler Machine Tools Co., Ltd.	Ord.	5/-	8/-
" " "	5% Cum. Prf.	£1	13/9
C.V.A. Jigs, Moulds & Tools, Ltd.	5½% Red. Cum. Prf.	£1	11/3
Churchill (Charles) & Co., Ltd.	Ord	2/-	6/4½
" " "	6% Cum. Prf.	£1	26/4½
Churchill Machine Tool Co., Ltd.	Ord.	5/-	18/3
" " "	6% Cum. Prf.	£1	18/3
Clarkson (Engrs.), Ltd.	Ord.	5/-	15/-
Cohen (George), Son & Co., Ltd.	Ord.	5/-	10/6
" " "	4½% Cum. Prf.	£1	14/6
Coventry Gauge & Tool Co., Ltd.	Ord.	10/-	17/-
" " "	5% Cum. Red. Prf.	£1	16/3
Coventry Machine Tool Works, Ltd.	Ord.	4/-	8/6
Craven Bros. (Manchester), Ltd.	Ord.	5/-	8/6
Elliott (B.) & Co., Ltd.	Ord.	1/-	3/-
" "	4½% Red. Cum. Prf.	£1	13/9
Expert Tool & Case Hardening Co., Ltd.	Ord.	2/-	1/3
Firth Brown Tools, Ltd.	4% Cum. Prf.	£1	12/6
Greenwood & Batley, Ltd.	Ord.	£1	52/6
Harper (John) & Co., Ltd.	Ord.	5/-	16/1½
" "	4½% Red. Cum. Prf.	£1	12/10½
Herbert (Alfred), Ltd.	Ord.	£1	37/6
Holroyd (John) & Co. Ltd.	"A" Ord.	5/-	13/-
" " "	"B" Ord.	5/-	12/9
Jones (A. A.) & Shipman, Ltd.	Ord.	5/-	22/-
" " "	7% Cum. Prf.	5/-	5/-
Kayser, Ellison & Co., Ltd.	Ord.	£1	46/6
" " "	6% Cum. Prf.	£1	18/3
Kendall & Gent, Ltd.	Ord.	5/-	7/-
Kerry's (Gt. Britain), Ltd.	Ord.	5/-	6/10½
Kitchen & Wade, Ltd.	Ord.	4/-	8/-
Martin Bros. (Machinery), Ltd.	Ord.	2/-	1/6xd
Massey, B. & S., Ltd.	Ord.	5/-	9/6
Modern Engineering Machine Tools Ltd.	Ord.	5/-	10/-xd
Newall Engineering Co., Ltd.	Ord.	2/-	4/9
Newman Industries, Ltd.	Ord.	2/-	2/9
"	6% Prf. Ord.	5/-	5/6
Noble & Lund, Ltd.	Ord.	2/-	3/9
Osborn (Samuel) & Co., Ltd.	Ord.	5/-	20/3
" " "	5½% Cum. Prf.	£1	26/-
Pratt (F.) & Co., Ltd.	Ord.	5/-	22/6
Scottish Machine Tool Corporation, Ltd.	Ord.	4/-	5/6
Shardlow (Ambrose) & Co., Ltd.	Ord.	£1	43/6
Shaw (John) & Sons, Wolverhampton, Ltd.	Ord.	5/-	13/9
Sheffield Twist Drill & Steel Co., Ltd.	Ord.	4/-	13/6
" " " "	5% Cum. Prf.	£1	15/-
Stedall & Co., Ltd.	Ord.	5/-	7/6
	"B" non-voting Ord.	10/-	22/6
Sykes (W. E.), Ltd.	Ord.	5/-	8/-
Tap & Die Corporation, Ltd.	4½% Deb. 1961-1977	Stk.	82/-
Wadkin, Ltd.	Ord.	10/-	18/9xd
Ward (Thos. W.), Ltd.	Ord.	£1	87/-
" "	5% Cum. 1st Prf.	£1	16/6
" "	5% Cum. 2nd Prf.	£1	24/-
Willson Lathes, Ltd.	Ord.	1/-	2/4½

The Middle Prices given in the list are in several cases nominal prices only and not actual dealing prices. Every effort is made to ensure accuracy, but no liability can be accepted for any error. * Sheffield price. † Birmingham price.

BRITISH MACHINE TOOL

Exports of New Machine Tools

Countries	Vertical Boring Machines		Other Boring Machines		Drilling Machines		Grinding, Lapping and Honing Machines		Automatic Lathes		Capstan and Turret Lathes		Other Lathes		Screwing Machines	
	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £
Commonwealth																
South Africa	—	—	1 (1)	48	445 (55)	10,734	253 (38)	7,265	—	—	120 (1)	7,758	2,715 (25)	62,766	34 (1)	530
India	—	—	1,403 (9)	38,708	667 (13)	17,385	1,954 (56)	76,142	115 (1)	4,587	1,455 (28)	56,860	282 (13)	5,815	339 (6)	18,878
Pakistan	—	—	1 (2)	373	24 (3)	1,368	117 (11)	3,785	123 (2)	5,908	—	—	4 (2)	112	—	—
Australia	458 (2)	9,570	273 (1)	8,956	1,251 (38)	26,394	683 (17)	32,389	282 (8)	10,481	689 (26)	25,676	904 (29)	27,317	175 (6)	8,956
New Zealand	—	—	1 (1)	130	73 (17)	1,940	56 (18)	1,969	—	—	154 (3)	5,448	169 (8)	4,268	—	—
Canada	340 (2)	7,369	349 (2)	12,897	739 (41)	16,895	758 (25)	30,113	189 (2)	8,894	—	—	1,009 (33)	29,806	—	—
Miscellaneous	361 (2)	9,594	—	—	554 (96)	20,729	712 (31)	20,899	176 (3)	6,442	80 (2)	3,703	1,190 (50)	41,185	2 (3)	92
Foreign																
Soviet Union	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sweden	—	—	81 (1)	8,365	183 (6)	4,820	7 (10)	278	—	—	230 (14)	10,393	43 (4)	1,632	37 (1)	2,084
Norway	—	—	—	—	6 (3)	155	11 (1)	518	—	—	—	—	50 (13)	1,879	—	—
Denmark	—	—	93 (2)	6,499	62 (2)	1,390	11 (1)	518	—	—	—	—	56 (5)	1,781	25 (1)	1,846
Western Germany	—	—	—	—	—	—	44 (4)	3,162	—	—	—	—	28 (1)	814	40 (3)	3,055
Netherlands	150 (1)	3,754	—	—	10 (11)	278	34 (6)	1,447	—	—	533 (7)	19,632	145 (9)	3,890	—	—
Belgium	—	—	—	—	—	—	50 (9)	2,302	—	—	—	—	77 (29)	2,729	—	—
France	118 (1)	3,440	97 (2)	6,858	—	—	151 (7)	5,822	387 (6)	30,419	—	—	707 (4)	30,689	—	—
Switzerland	160 (1)	4,239	—	—	14 (1)	542	54 (2)	1,875	—	—	57 (1)	3,168	219 (17)	6,355	—	—
Spain	—	—	—	—	778 (9)	26,158	81 (7)	2,935	65 (1)	5,261	31 (1)	1,789	140 (2)	8,249	—	—
Italy	—	—	—	—	13 (2)	849	20 (2)	714	—	—	168 (3)	9,469	—	—	—	—
U.S. America	—	—	—	—	472 (5)	8,883	161 (3)	6,206	—	—	56 (3)	2,256	379 (15)	10,669	238 (10)	13,854
Miscellaneous	153 (5)	7,689	35 (3)	2,613	668 (48)	20,436	509 (46)	22,000	245 (4)	10,979	198 (7)	12,343	622 (27)	15,629	1 (1)	58
Total	1,740 (14)	45,655	2,334 (24)	85,447	5,959 (350)	158,956	5,666 (294)	220,339	1,582 (27)	82,971	3,771 (96)	158,495	8,739 (286)	255,585	891 (32)	49,353
Amendments to Previous Accounts																
Commonwealth	—	−30	−1,600 (−1)	−53812	+1588 (+1)	+53812	—	−126	—	—	+29 (−)	+200	—	—	—	—
Foreign	—	—	—	—	—	—	−545 (−3)	+2,045	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Total exports of reconditioned machine tools:—Quantity: No. 120; weight, 3,760 cwt.; value, £84,446.
Total exports of imported machine tools:—Quantity: No. 18; weight, 4,885 cwt.; value, £37,915.

Imports of New Machine Tools

Country of Origin	Boring Machines		Drilling Machines		Gear-cutting Machines		Grinding, Lapping and Honing Machines		Automatic Lathes	
	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £
Western Germany	2,611 (6)	121,313	166 (19)	4,506	182 (6)	13,638	927 (40)	52,866	1,193 (34)	63,277
Belgium	—	—	32 (1)	782	—	—	3 (1)	222	—	—
France	—	—	— (1)	25	—	—	10 (5)	676	41 (1)	1,219
Switzerland	409 (9)	33,344	65 (7)	4,899	55 (12)	6,735	479 (32)	44,775	801 (38)	60,481
U.S. America	1,233 (2)	16,289	—	—	510 (3)	39,175	1,963 (30)	221,406	545 (7)	29,038
Miscellaneous	101 (4)	—	71 (9)	3,569	—	—	621 (30)	22,107	106 (3)	5,002
Total	4,354 (21)	175,637	334 (37)	13,781	747 (21)	59,548	4,003(138)	342,052	2,686 (83)	159,017
Amendments to Previous Accounts										
Western Germany	—	−295	—	—	—	—	—	+74	—	—
Belgium	+41(+1)	+3,135	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Switzerland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
U.S. America	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	−120(−1)	−447

Total imports of reconditioned machine tools:—Quantity: No. 28; weight, 738 cwt.; value, £21,190

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS (Classified)

and Parts during July, 1958

Threading Machines		Milling Machines		Gear-cutting Machines		Planing, Shaping and Slotting Machines		Presses		Sheet Metal-working Machines		Sawing Machines		Other Machines		Machine Tool Parts*		Total	
Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £
—	—	900 (5)	48,588	—	—	173 (3)	2,926	553 (21)	8,239	87 (2)	3,001	34 (5)	738	685 (21)	16,317	346	14,592	6,346 (178)	183,502
31 (1)	1,884	369 (5)	19,399	—	—	344 (5)	9,297	1,501 (19)	36,650	—	—	4 (1)	352	1,735 (112)	37,765	132	17,396	10,331 (269)	341,118
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	121 (2)	4,222	—	—	—	—	4 (11)	669	86	3,674	480 (33)	20,111
—	—	1,300 (33)	63,755	—	—	1,375 (16)	30,840	1,150 (11)	29,651	35 (3)	2,726	500 (7)	12,018	1,427 (28)	58,833	500	31,896	11,002 (225)	379,458
—	—	50 (1)	2,865	—	—	40 (1)	994	104 (1)	1,830	—	—	17 (17)	792	396 (26)	17,213	40	2,317	1,100 (93)	39,766
—	—	252 (6)	9,873	—	—	78 (5)	1,632	720 (6)	14,784	—	—	7 (1)	144	24 (2)	422	146	5,902	4,611 (125)	138,731
—	—	86 (4)	4,015	75 (4)	1,842	44 (4)	1,114	176 (27)	5,339	9 (3)	172	57 (10)	1,784	583 (56)	21,006	169	7,116	4,274 (295)	145,032
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	369 (10)	8,280	—	—	—	—	—	—	369 (10)	8,280
—	—	120 (1)	7,533	—	—	—	—	854 (1)	18,930	1,385 (1)	27,538	—	—	—	—	36	5,146	2,976 (39)	86,719
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3 (1)	45	6 (1)	175	1 (1)	43	37 (1)	890	5	741	119 (21)	4,446
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 (1)	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	44	1,704	293 (12)	13,838
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	794 (6)	31,808	20	2,262	926 (14)	41,101
—	—	95 (1)	4,694	—	—	—	—	205 (12)	9,917	494 (1)	14,446	17 (9)	299	23 (5)	1,074	35	2,419	1,741 (62)	61,850
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 (3)	260	113	3,665	242 (41)	8,956
207 (2)	11,850	388 (1)	13,324	476 (7)	29,466	— (1)	25	163 (28)	3,999	—	—	—	—	1,828 (10)	44,947	66	7,297	4,588 (69)	188,136
—	—	—	—	588 (2)	21,697	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	65 (9)	2,520	384	14,187	1,541 (33)	54,583
—	—	—	—	198 (1)	7,674	—	—	163 (1)	3,433	70 (1)	3,329	—	—	180 (2)	6,489	7	1,490	1,713 (25)	66,807
—	—	—	—	—	—	4 (2)	277	—	—	79 (1)	3,690	—	—	560 (1)	20,235	26	2,630	870 (11)	37,864
—	—	144 (4)	4,022	35 (1)	5,333	53 (2)	982	55 (1)	2,238	40 (1)	1,650	1 (1)	56	22 (2)	1,197	218	10,577	1,874 (48)	67,923
160 (2)	11,653	560 (13)	29,477	—	—	479 (17)	11,725	1,847 (119)	52,767	49 (3)	1,059	73 (11)	2,129	2,242 (56)	58,293	979	45,194	8,820 (362)	304,044
398 (5)	25,387	4,264 (74)	207,545	1,372 (15)	66,012	2,590 (56)	59,812	7,617 (251)	192,144	2,623 (27)	66,066	711 (63)	18,355	10,607 (351)	319,938	3,352	180,205	64,216 (1,965)	2,192,265
—	—	—	+75	—	—	−4 (−2)	−158	+65 (+1)	+1,739	—	—	+10 (+1)	+238	+278 (—)	+15,499	+4	+379	—	—
—	−1,084	—	—	—	—	+610 (+1)	+13,990	+383 (+1)	+8,699	—	—	—	—	+352 (−2)	+11,254	−50	−9,472	—	—

Figures in parentheses denote number of machines. *Not including machine tool cutting parts.

and Parts during July, 1958

Other Lathes		Milling Machines		Planing, Shaping and Slotting Machines		Presses and Sheet Metal-working Machines		Other Machines		Machine Tool Parts*		Total	
Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt.	Value £	Quantity. Cwt. and No.	Value £
91 (33)	6,121	887 (25)	61,384	129 (7)	7,127	4,505 (48)	99,847	4,262(146)	151,324	3,387	120,164	18,340 (364)	701,567
83 (1)	2,350	—	—	—	—	243 (1)	8,675	46 (3)	2,997	137	7,119	544 (7)	22,145
191 (5)	8,937	326 (9)	16,955	49 (1)	4,908	26 (2)	1,027	—	—	228	19,806	871 (24)	53,553
4 (7)	661	468 (12)	26,790	70 (2)	4,843	99 (2)	5,747	624 (75)	61,864	193	35,965	3,267 (196)	286,104
5 (1)	248	30 (1)	7,839	3 (1)	149	56 (3)	3,401	1,288 (11)	158,846	1,524	179,053	7,157 (59)	655,444
47 (2)	1,474	427 (14)	13,780	6 (1)	159	797 (11)	31,196	1,326 (50)	42,493	379	19,661	3,881 (124)	144,132
421 (49)	19,791	2,138 (61)	126,748	257 (12)	17,186	5,726 (67)	149,893	7,546(285)	417,524	5,848	381,768	34,060(774)	1,862,945
—	+40	—	—	—	—	—	—	−4(−6)	−828	+6	+1,037	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	+2	+36	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	+1 (−1)	−525	+1	+525	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	+40	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Figures in parentheses denote number of machines. * Not including machine tool cutting parts.

PRICES OF MATERIALS

All prices per ton except where otherwise stated.

Pig-Iron

Foundry and Forge No. 3, Class 2

Middlesbrough zone	£21 6 0
Birmingham	£20 18 3

Phos. 0·1 to 0·75%

Birmingham	£23 17 0

Scottish Foundry

Grangemouth	£25 3 6

Hæmatite English No. 1

N.E. and N.W Coast	£25 6 6
Scotland	£25 13 0
Sheffield	£26 15 0
Birmingham	£27 4 0

Welsh £25 6 6

Steel Products

Medium plates	£45 11 6
Mild steel plates, ordinary*	£42 2 0
Boiler plates*	£44 12 0
†Flat bars 5 in. wide and under †Round bars under 3 in.	£40 0 6
Billets, rolling quality, soft U.T.	£32 15 6

Phosphor Bronze

Ingots (2B8) (A.I.D.) d/d	£284 0 0

Copper

Cash (mean)	£259 10 0
Cold rolled and hot rolled sheets 4 ft. by 2 ft. by 10 SWG	£328 0 0—£328 5 0
Rods ⅜ in. to 4 in. diam.	£345 15 0
Tubes, 1½ in. bore by 10 SWG, ton lots, per lb.	3s. 3⅞d.
Wire rod, black, hot-rolled (½–⅜ in.) English	£275 7 6

Zinc

Refined, minimum 98 per cent. purity, current month (mean)	£74 0 0

Brass

Tubes, solid drawn, per lb.	2s. 0d.
Strip 63/37, 6 in. by 10 SWG coils, ton lots	£267 10 0—£270 0 0
Rods, ½-3in. diam. (59 per cent copper)	2s. 1⅜d.

Yellow Metal

Condenser plates, per ton	£202 0 0
Rods, per lb.	2s. 2⅛d.

Aluminium

Ingots min. 99·5 per cent Canadian d/d	£180 0 0

Lead

Refined, minimum 99·97 per cent purity, current month(mean)	£77 7 6

Tinplates

‡U.K. Home trade:	
Handmill f.o.t. makers' works	£3 11 8½
Cold reduced, f.o.t. makers' works	£3 7 4½
U.K. Export:	
Hot rolled basis, f.o.t. works' port	72s. 6d.—75s. 0d.
Cold reduced basis, f.o.t. works' port	75s. 0d.

Gunmetal

Ingots, 85.5.5.5. ex works	£196 0 0

* N.E. Coast, N. Joint Area, Central Scottish Zone.

† U.T. soft basic.

‡ Official maximum price, after allowing for adjustments for increase in price of tin.

MAKERS' PRICES

Hexagon Steel Bars[1]

Sizes in inches from 1 in. up to 2·21 and 2·41 a/f, ex works 2 ton basis	£42 17 0
Free cutting black	£47 6 6

Reeled Steel Bars[1]

Single-reeled 1½ in. upwards, f.o.t. works (+ usual extra for sizes)	£43 9 6
Free cutting	£47 19 0

Precision-ground Mild Steel[2]

1-in. dia. + 0·00025-in. 4-ton lots, per cwt.	121s. 6d.

Bright Ground tainless Steel Bars[3]

EN56AM (martensitic, free cutting)	£285
EN58AM (austenitic, free cutting)	£353

High-Speed Steel

Black random length bar. All prices basic, per lb., subject to extras.

Molybdenum " 66 "	5s. 10d.
Moly:denum " 46 "	5s. 8d.
14 per cent tungsten	5s. 6d.
16 pe cent tungsten	5s. 10d.
18 per cent tungsten	6s. 0d.
22 per cent tungsten	7s. 0d.
5 per cent cobalt	9s. 1d.
4·75/5·25 molybdenum + 6·0/6·75 tungsten + 1·75/2·05 vanadium per cent (5-6-2)	6s. 0d.

Precision-ground, High-speed Free-turning Brass Rod[3]

⅜-in. dia. ± 0·00025-in. 2-ton lots, per lb.	2s. 5⅛d.

Grey Iron Rod

Die Cast[4] in random lengths 18 in. to 26 in. rough machined ⅛-in. above listed size. Extra for definite lengths. Discounts for orders over £150.

	Per cwt. net. Mark I	Mark III
¾ or ⅞in.	245s. 4d.	318s. 10d.
1 or 1⅛ in.	196s. 4d.	251s. 10d.
1⅛ to 1¼ in.	137s. 10d.	171s. 2d.
1⅜ to 2 in.	106s. 2d.	125s. 11d.
2⅛ to 3⅛ in.	91s. 6d.	106s. 4d.
3⅜ to 12 in.	86s. 6d.	99s. 2d.

Continuous Cast

10-ft. lengths, centreless machined 1 to 3-in. dia. + 0·010 to 0·020 in., prices as quoted for die cast bar[4]

6-ft. lengths centreless ground + 0·010 in. Extra for hardenable alloy iron[5] Per cwt. net	¾ or ⅞ in.	245s. 4d.
	1 or 1⅛ in.	196s. 4d.
	1⅛ to 1½ in.	137s. 10d.
	1⅝ to 2 in.	106s. 2d.
	2⅛ to 3¼ in.	91s. 6d.

Stellite[6]

Welding Rods plain

¼ in. dia. per lb.	30s. 0d.

Toolbits

¼ in. sq. × 4 in., each	22s. 3d.

1 Colvilles, Ltd., Glasgow, and 17 Grosvenor Street, London, W.1. 2 Pratt, Levick & Co., Ltd., Chester, 3 Spartan Steel & Alloys, Ltd., St. Stephens Street, Birmingham, 6. 4 Sheepbridge Alloy Castings, Ltd., Sutton-in-Ashfield. 5 " Flocast," Harold Andrews Sheepbridge, Ltd., Halesowen, 6 Deloro Stellite, Ltd., Highlands Road, Shirley, Solihull.

BASIC PRICES FROM LONDON STOCK[4]

Free Cutting Steel

Bright cold drawn: (Usaspead) over 1½ to 2 in.	£59 17 6
Lead bearing (Usaled)	£64 4 0
Precision ground, 1¾ in.	£81 13 6

Bright Drawn

M.S. bars (M.M.C.) over 1½ in. to 2 in.	£55 3 6
Square edge flats (Usaflat)	£72 0 0
M.S. angles (Usaspead)	£99 10 0
Casehardening (EN) (Usacase) over 1½ in. to 2 in.	£63 9 6
M.S. bars (EN3B) (Usamild) over 1½ to 2 in.	£57 3 6
Carbon manganese semi-freecutting case hardening (EN202) (Usaspead 202) over 1½ to 2 in.	£72 19 0
35/45 ton tensile (EN6) (Usen) over 1 to 1½ in.	£64 17 6
0·4 Carbon Normalised (Usaspead " 40 ") over 1½ in. to 2 in.	£66 19 6
Carbon manganese steel to Specification EN.16.T (Usaspead 5565), per ton	£127 11 3

Ground Flat Stock

18-, 24-, and 36-in. lengths (Usaspead). List prices less 5 per cent

Oil Hardening Cast Steel

Non-shrink (Usaspead N.S.O.H.) ¾ in. to 2¾ in., per lb.	1s. 11d.
Non-discorting heavy duty (Usaspead H.C.H.C.) ¾-in. to 2¾-in., per lb.	4s. 2d.

Silver Steel

(0·194-in. to 1½-in.)

Genuine Stubs quality,per lb.	4s. 6d. less 27½%
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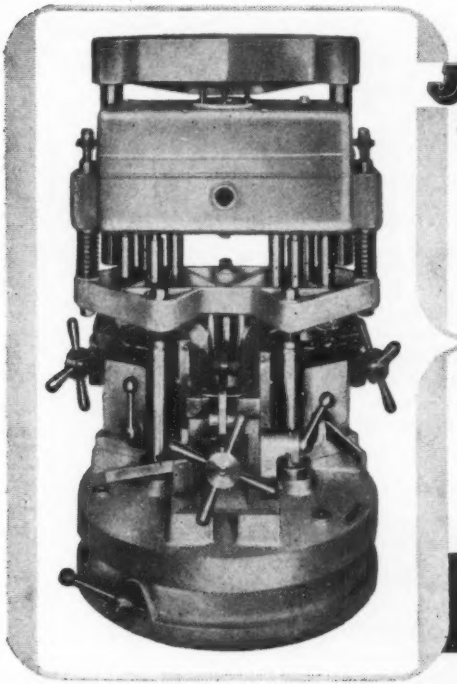

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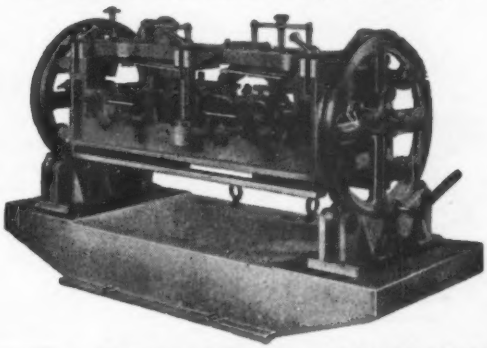

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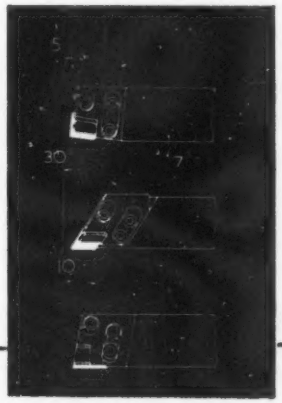

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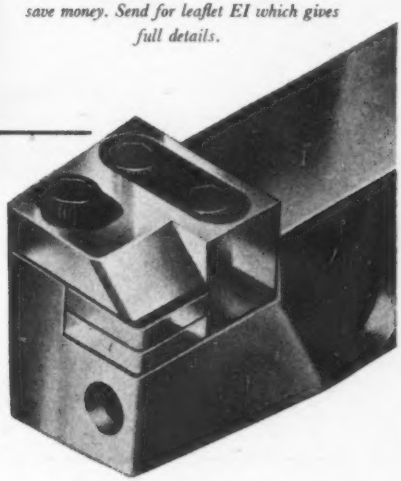

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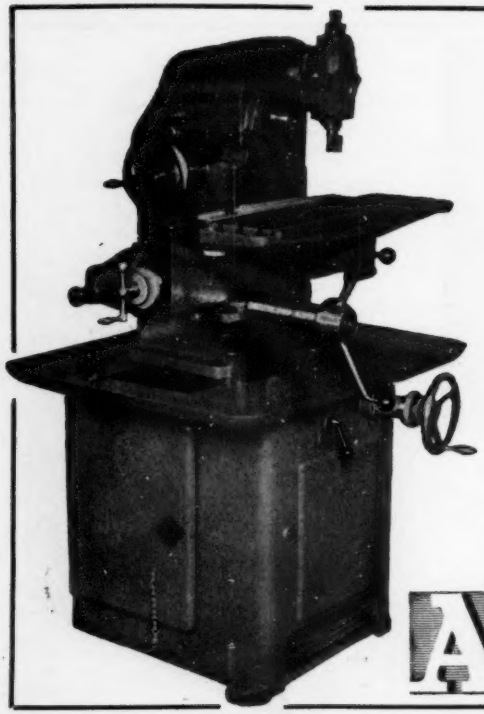

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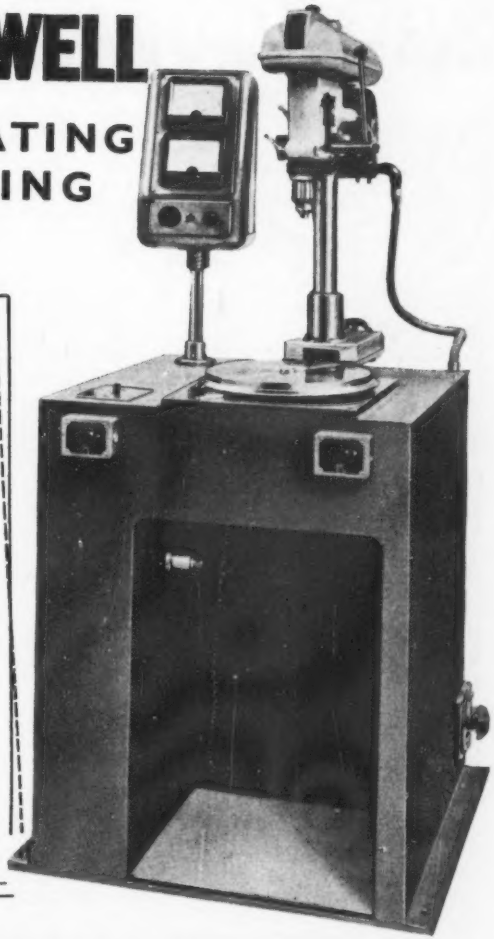

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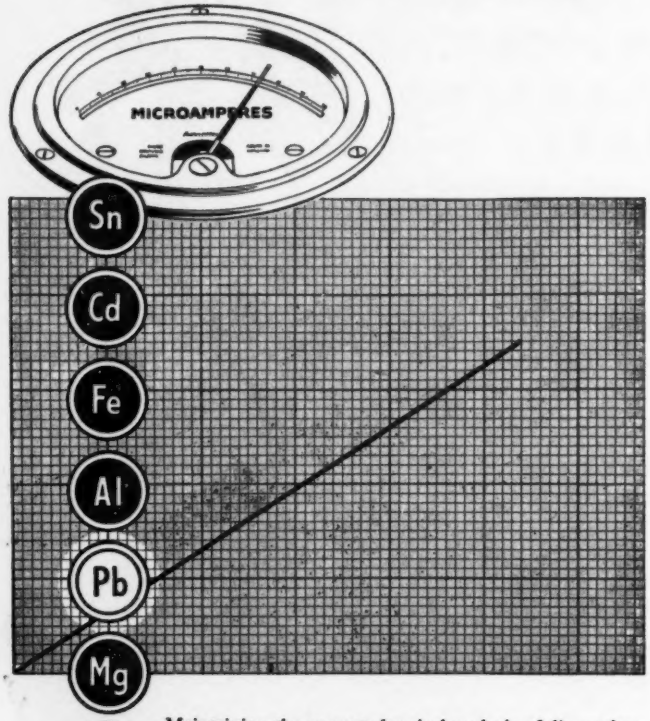

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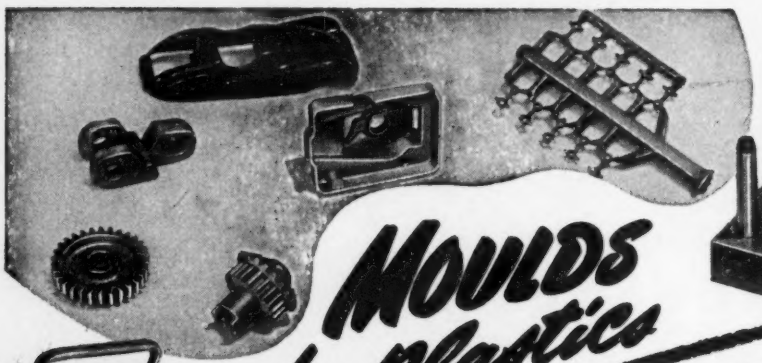

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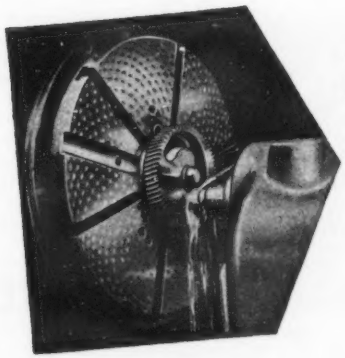

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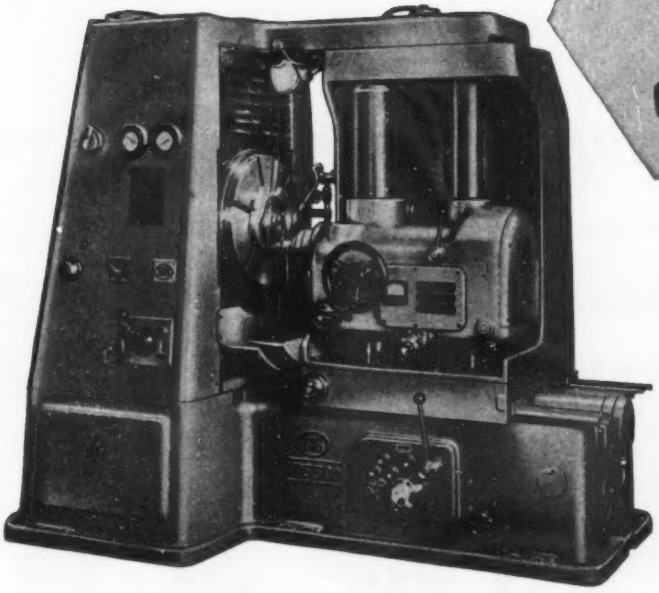

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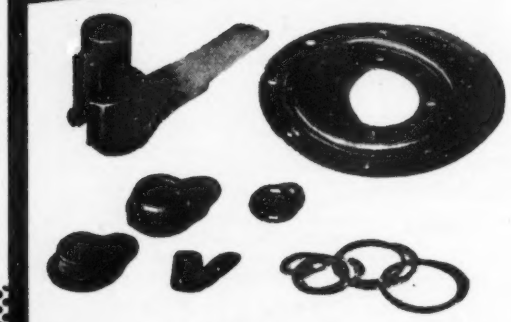

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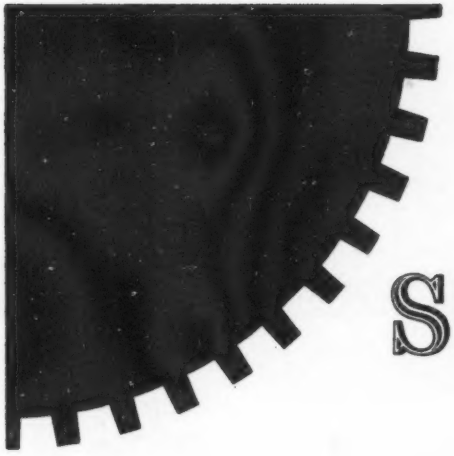

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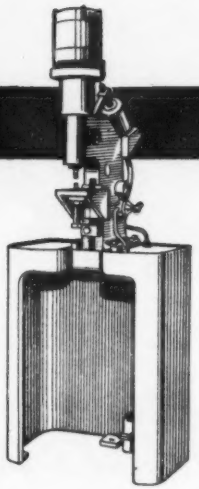

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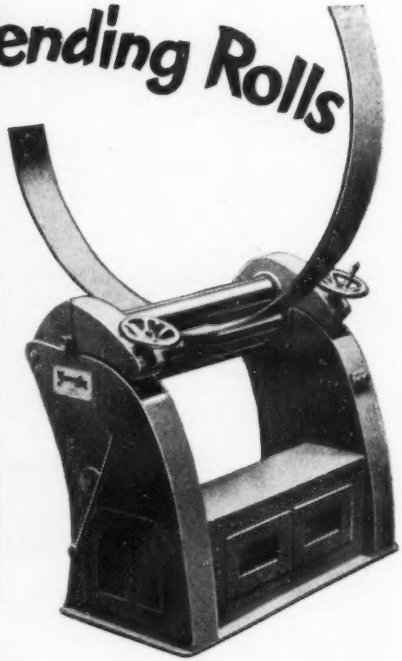

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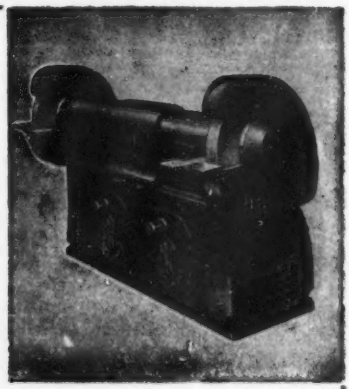

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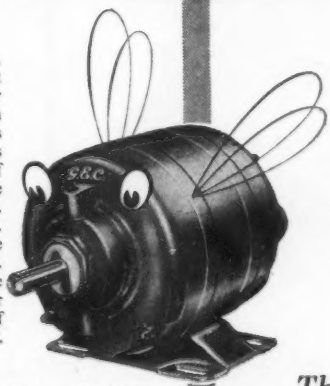

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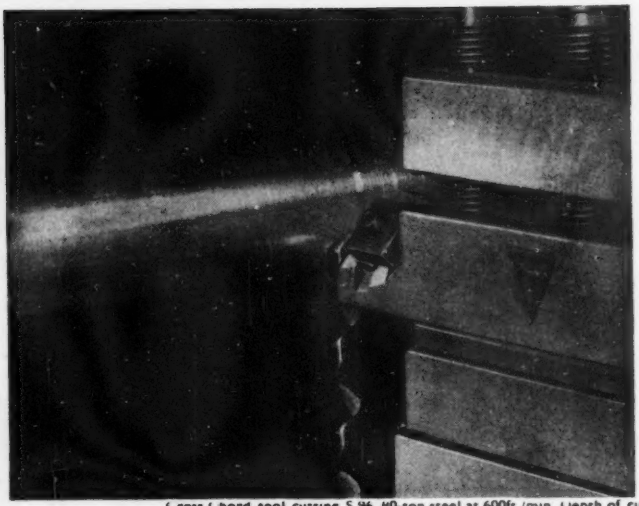

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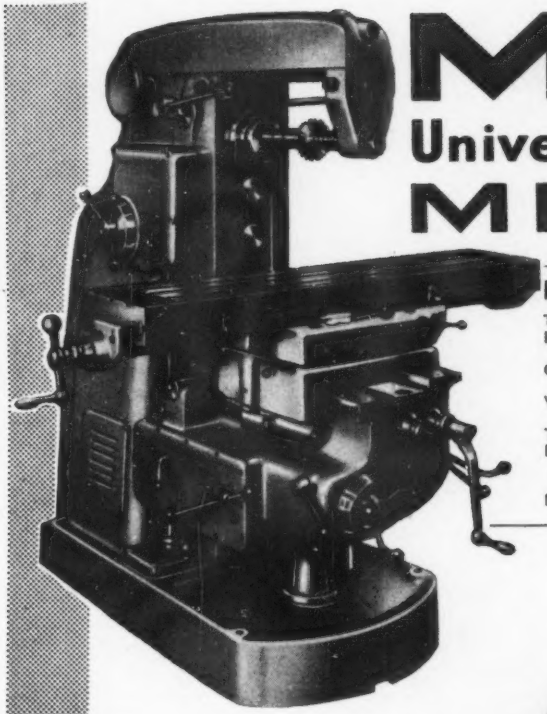

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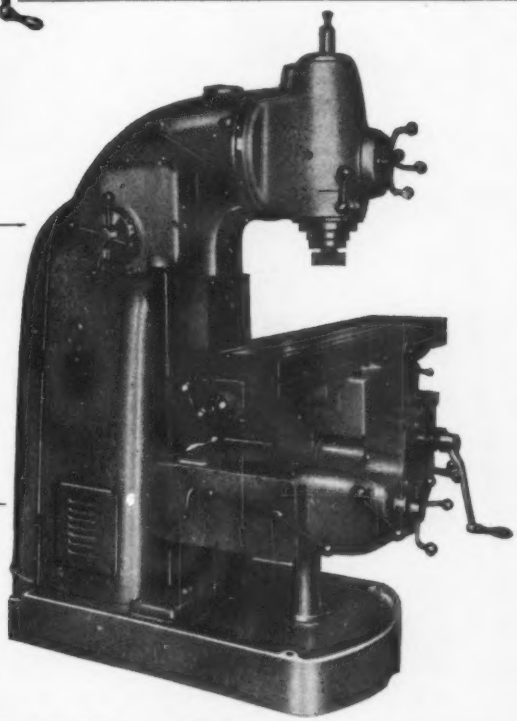

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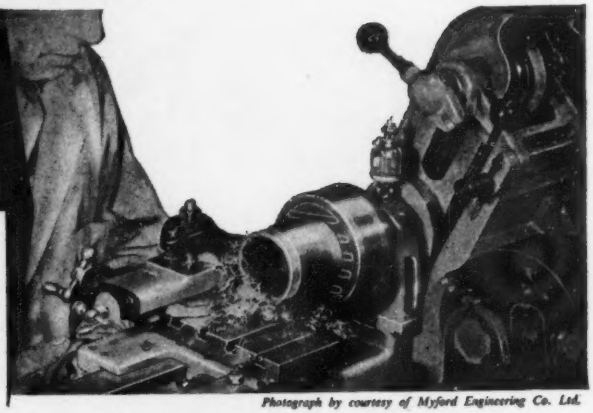

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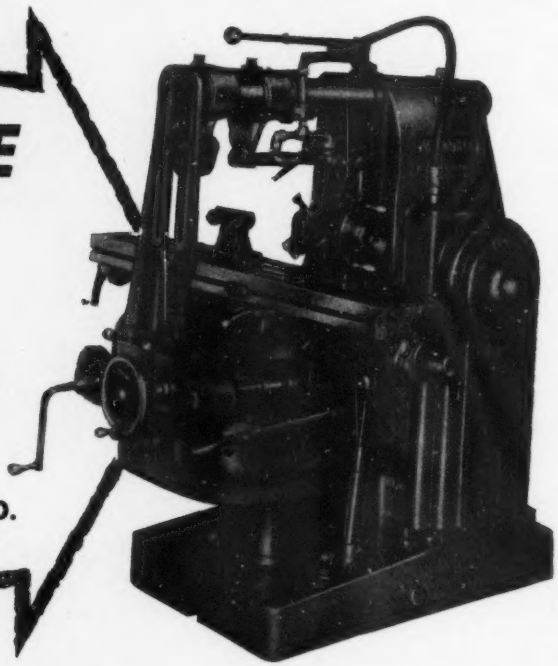

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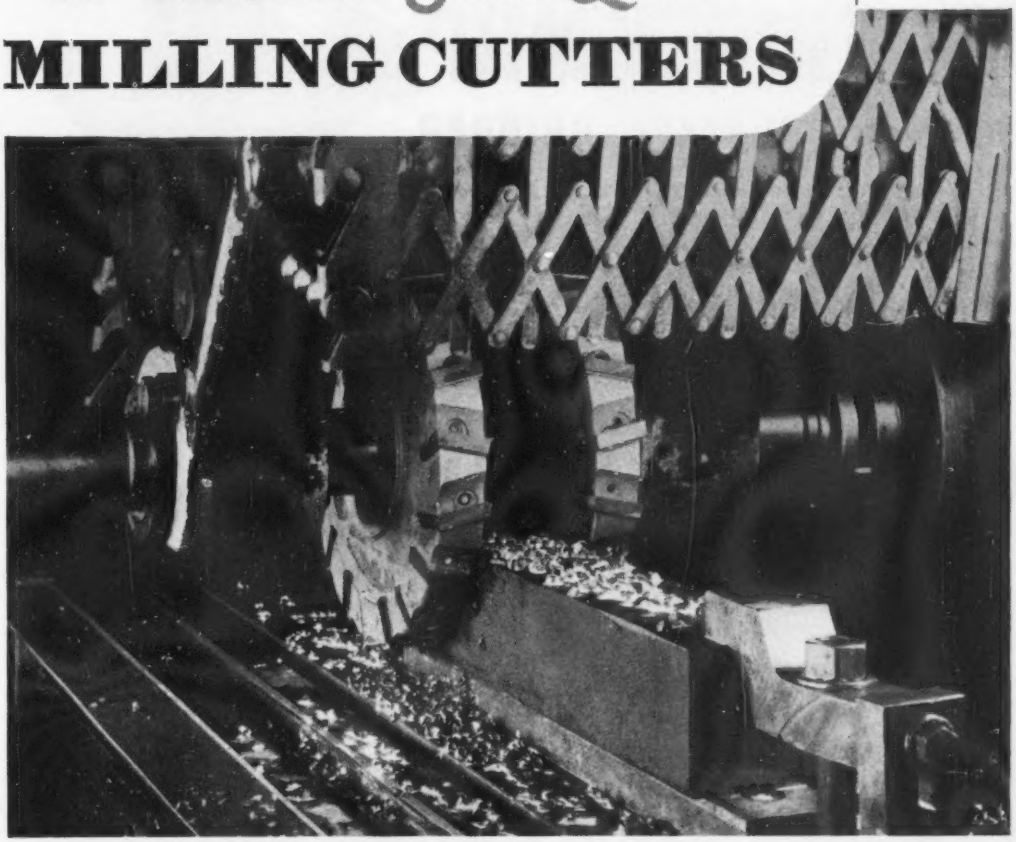

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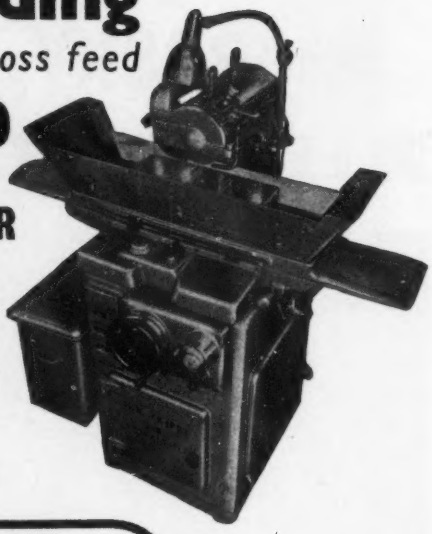

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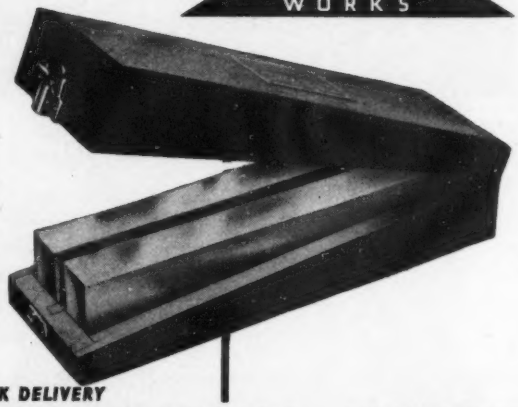

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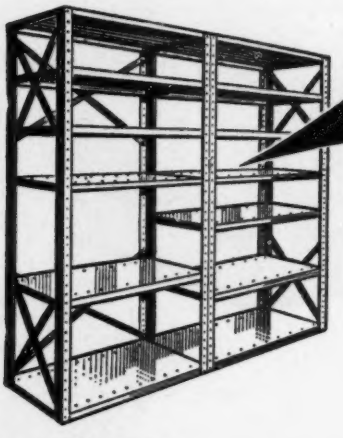

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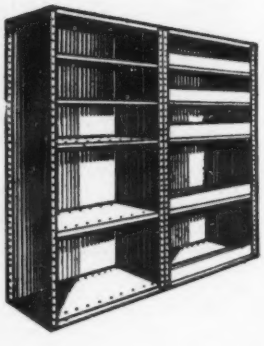

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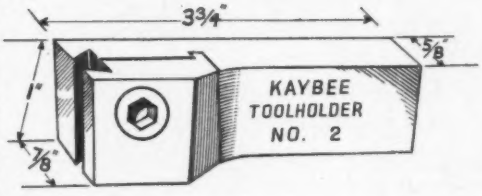

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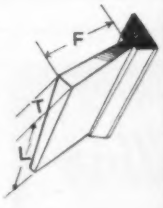

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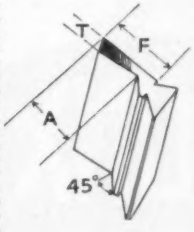

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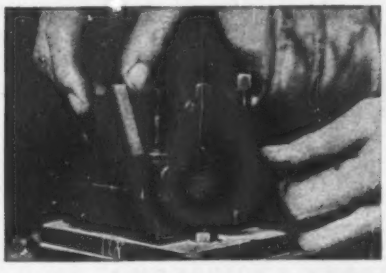

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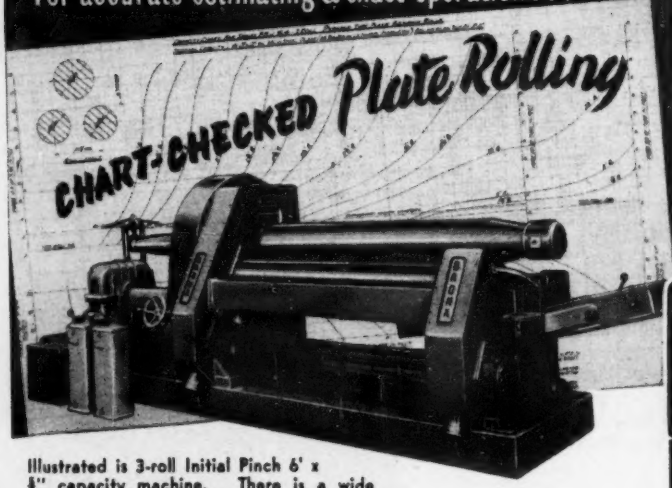

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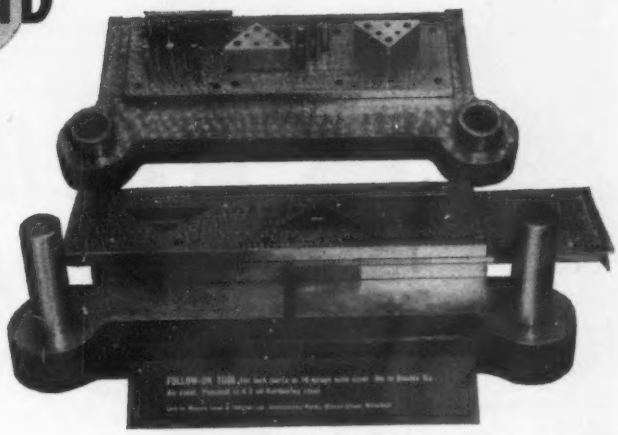

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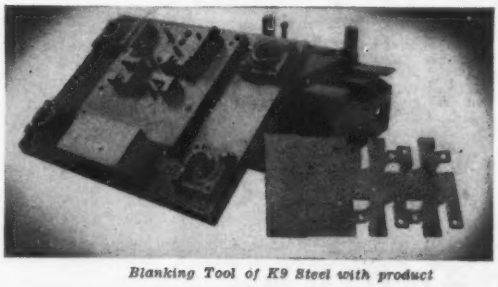

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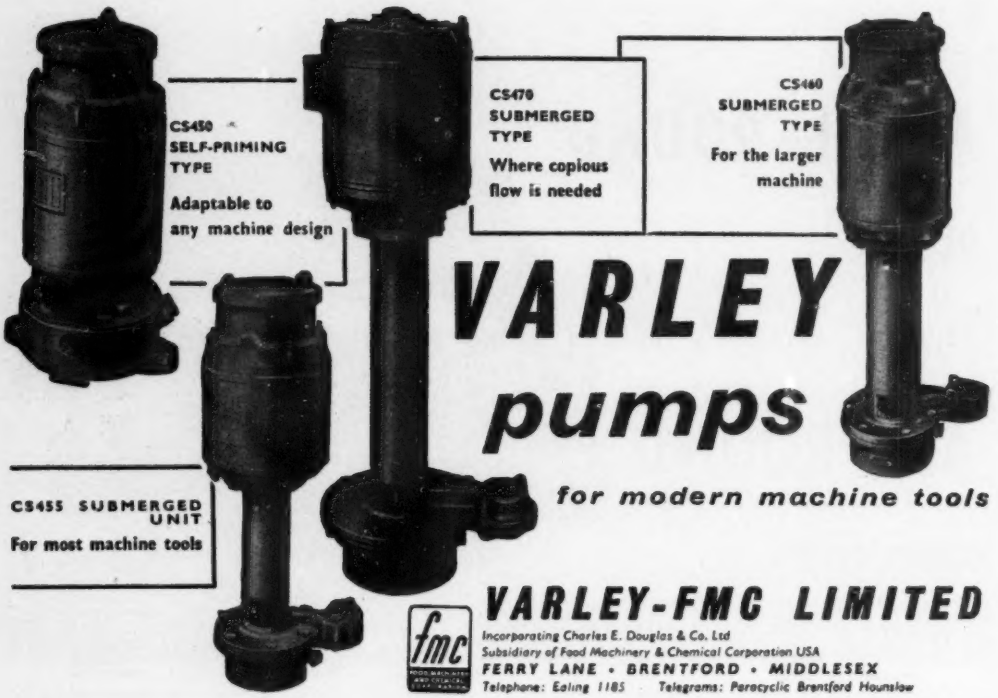

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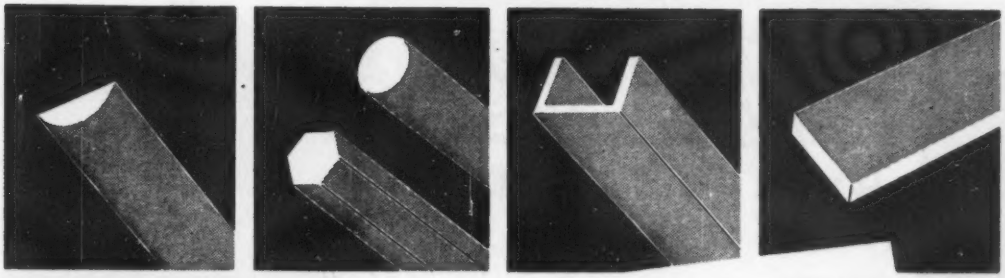

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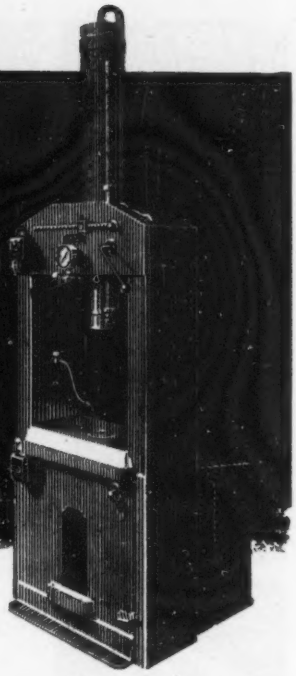

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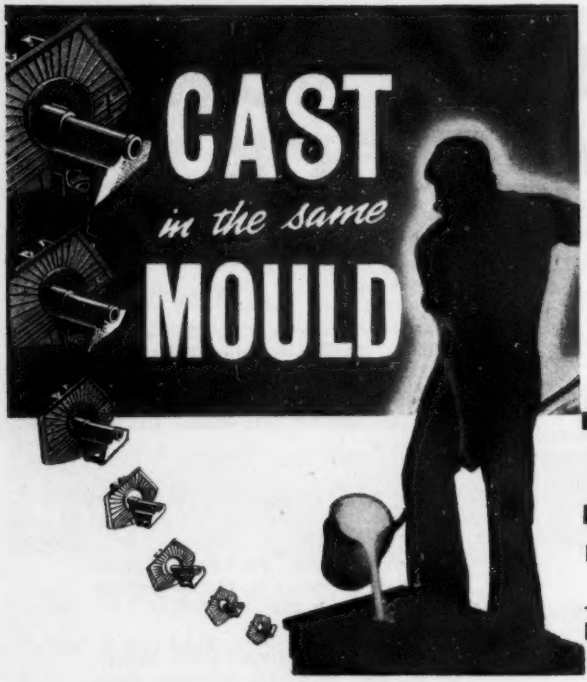

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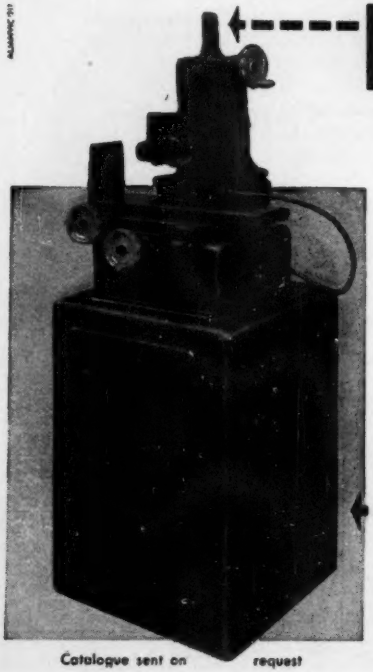

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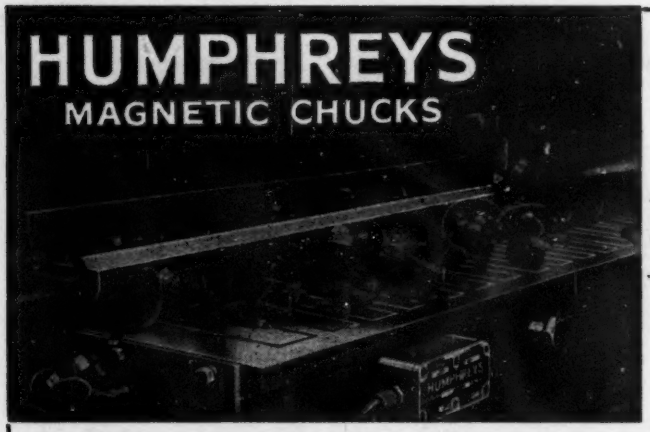

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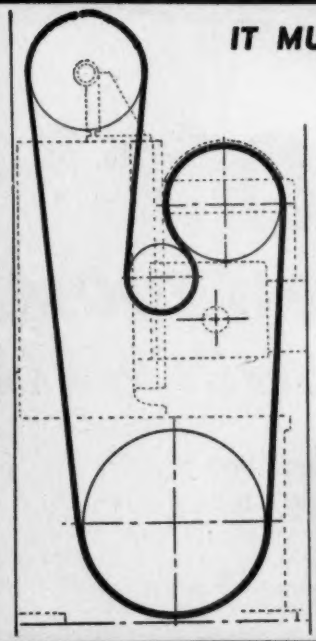

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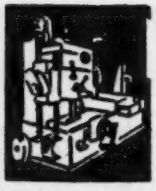

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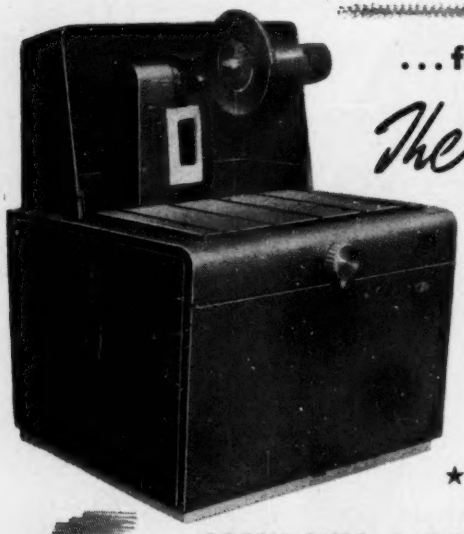

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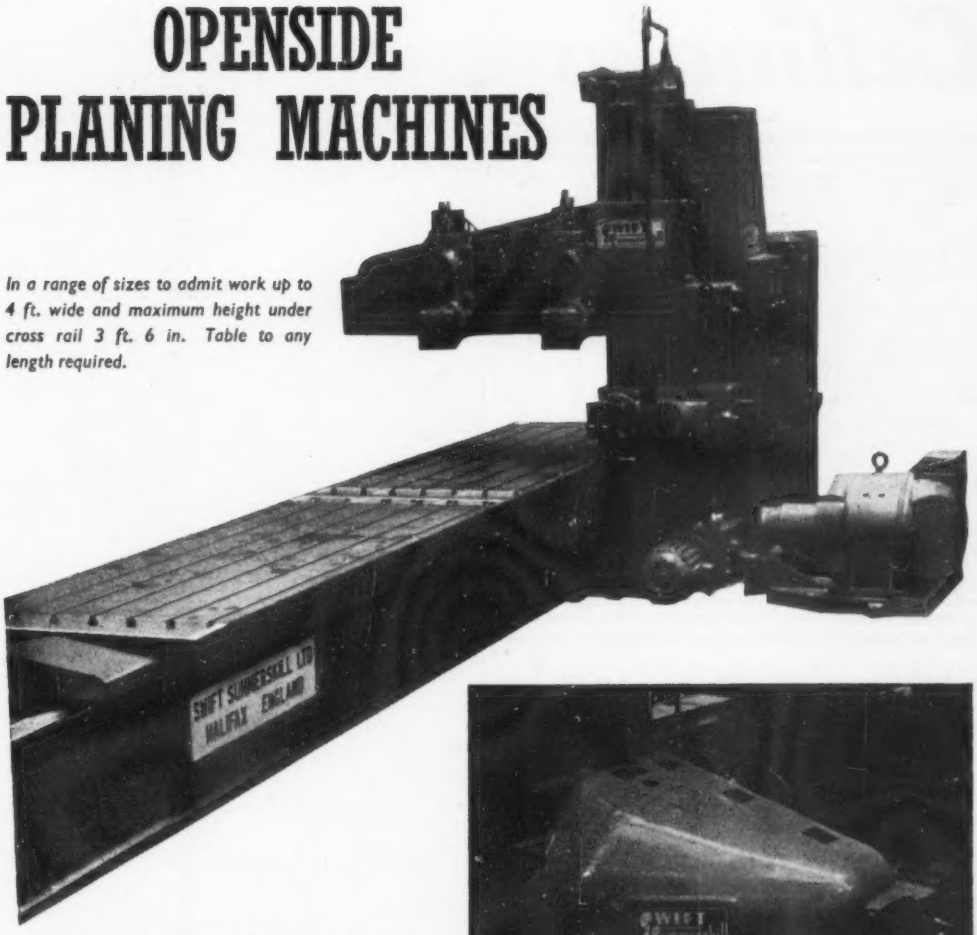

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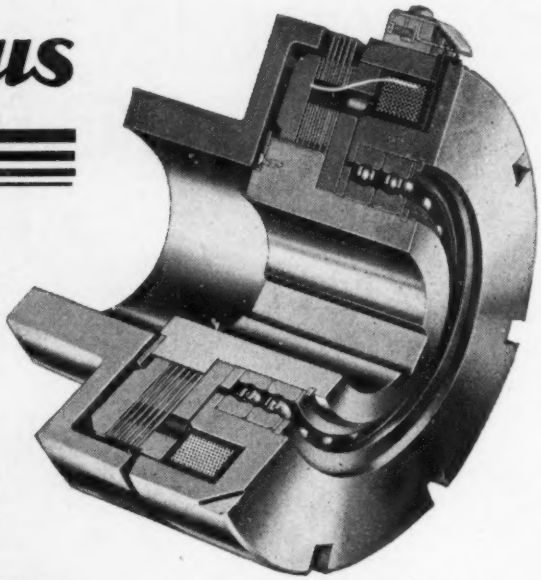

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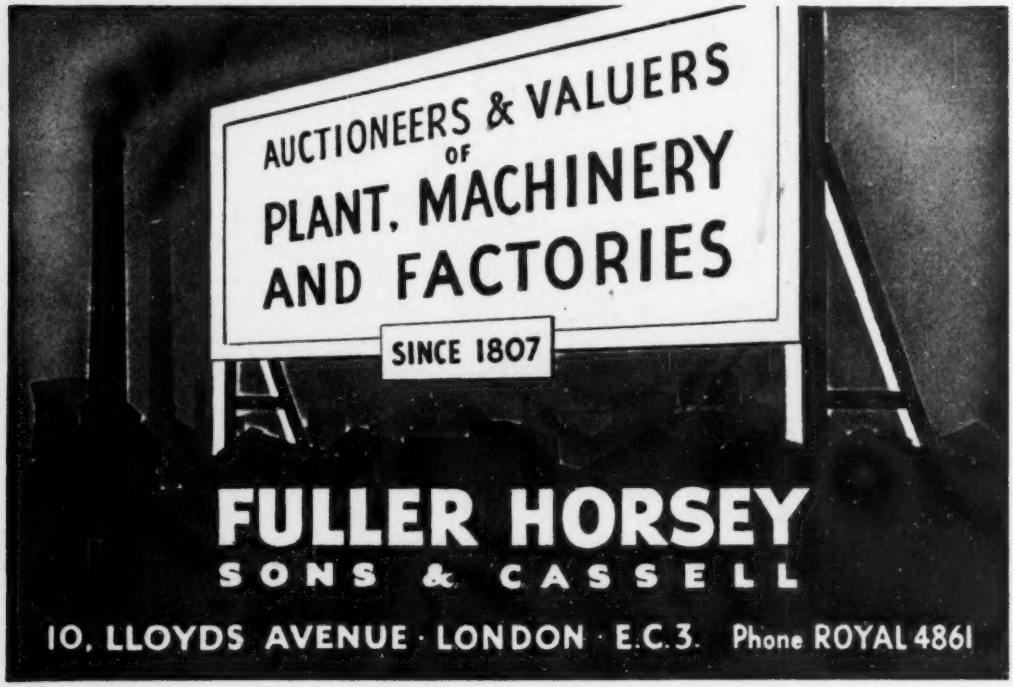

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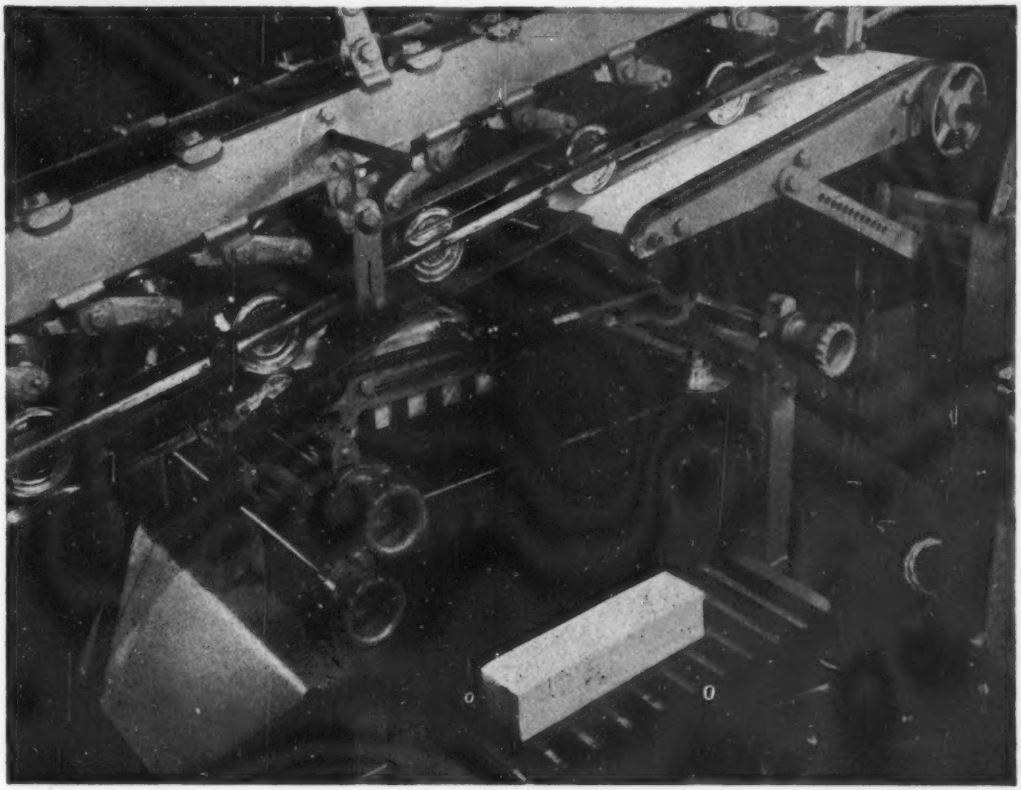

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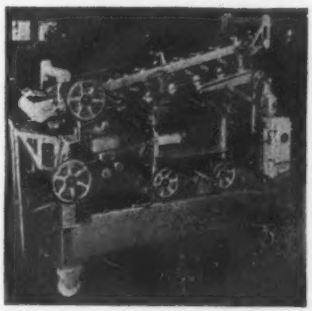

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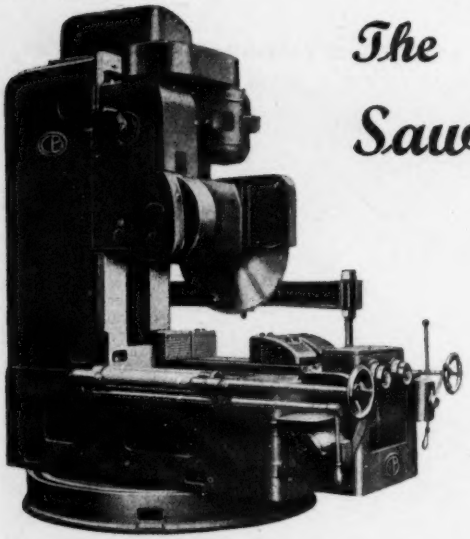

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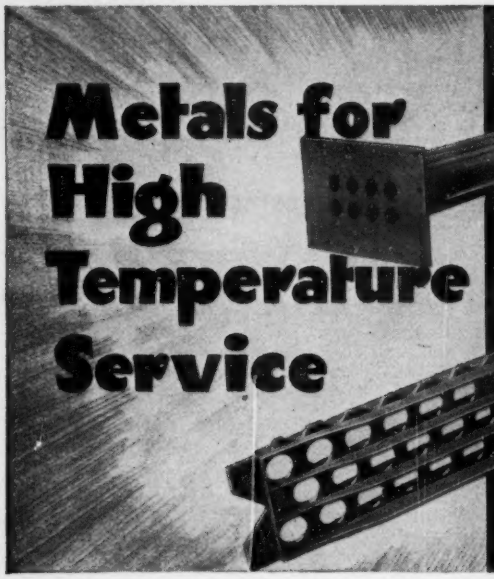

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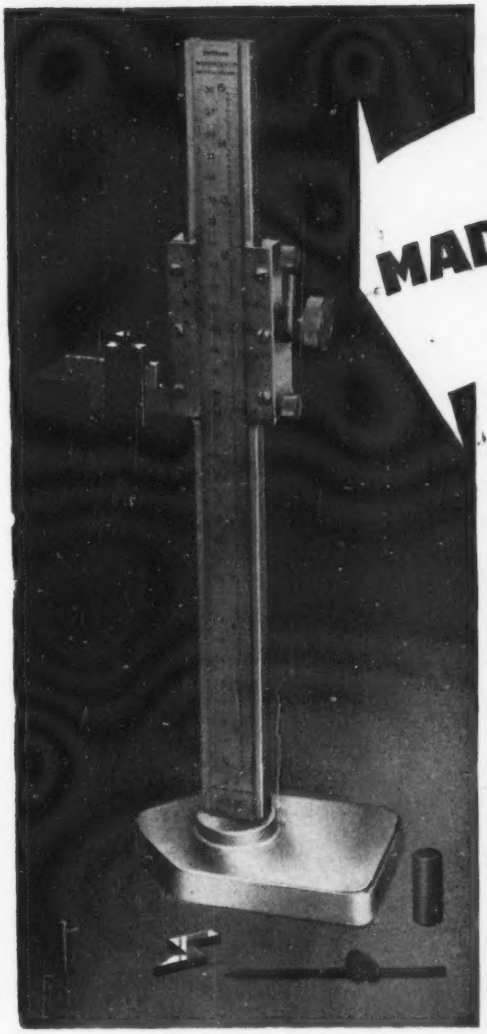

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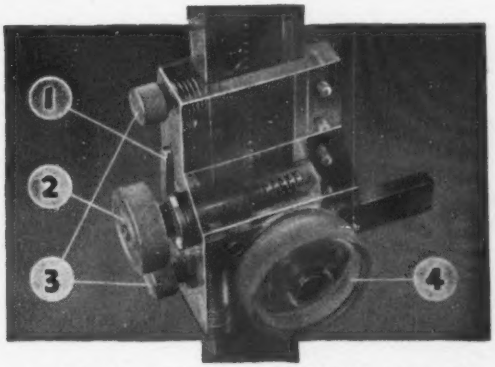

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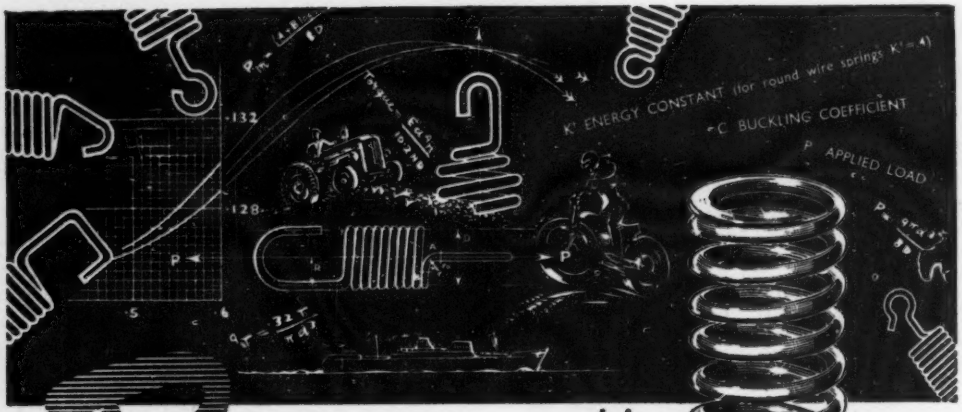

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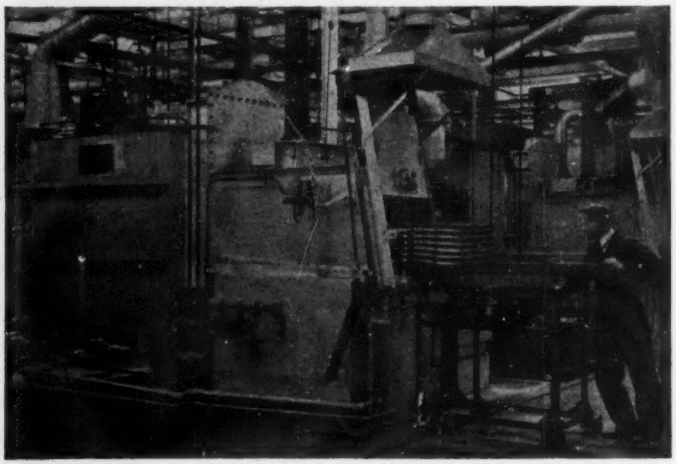

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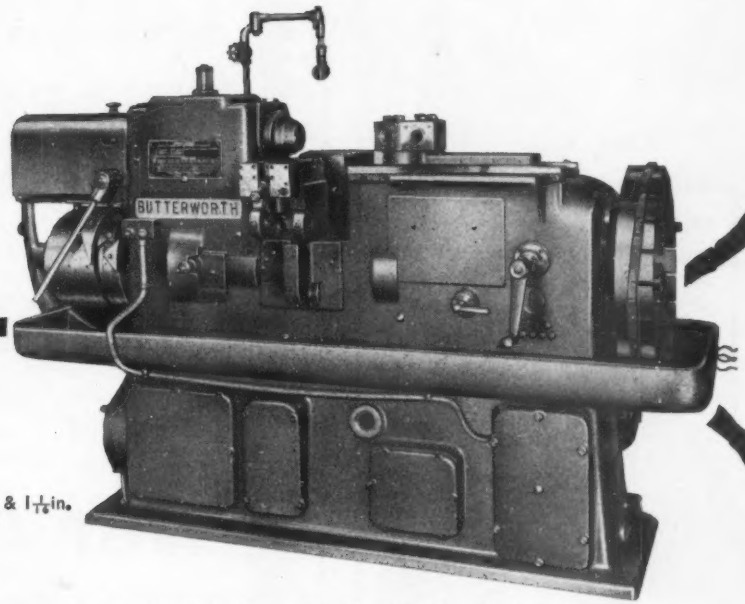

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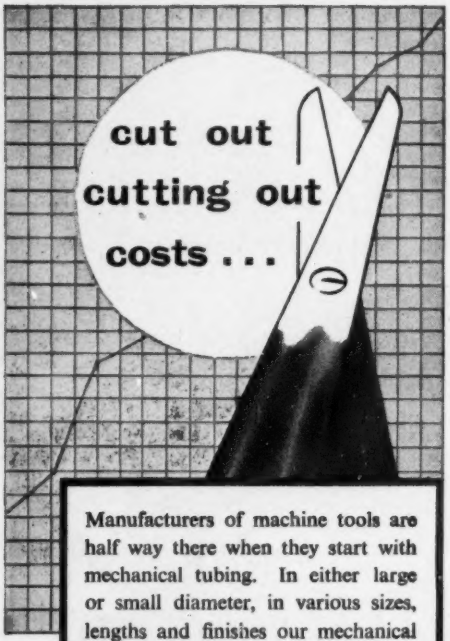

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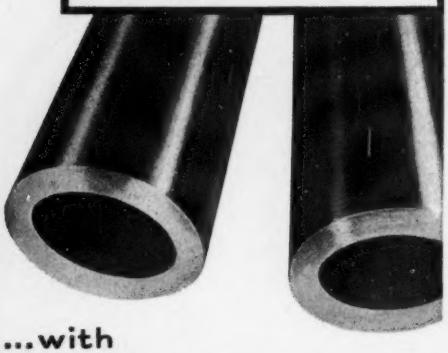

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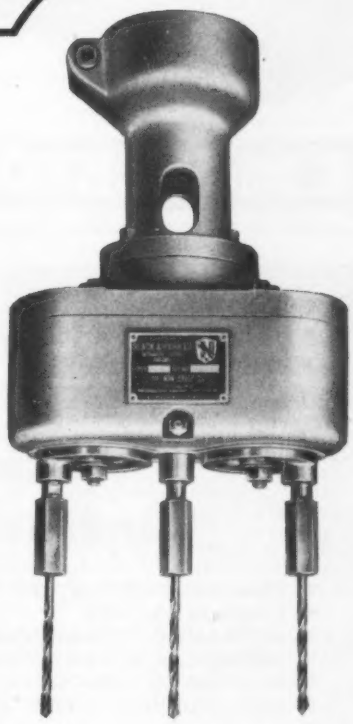

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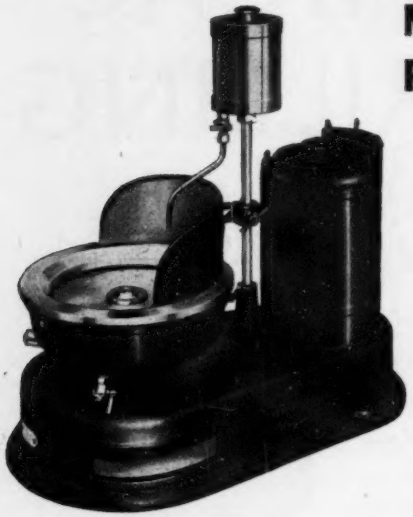

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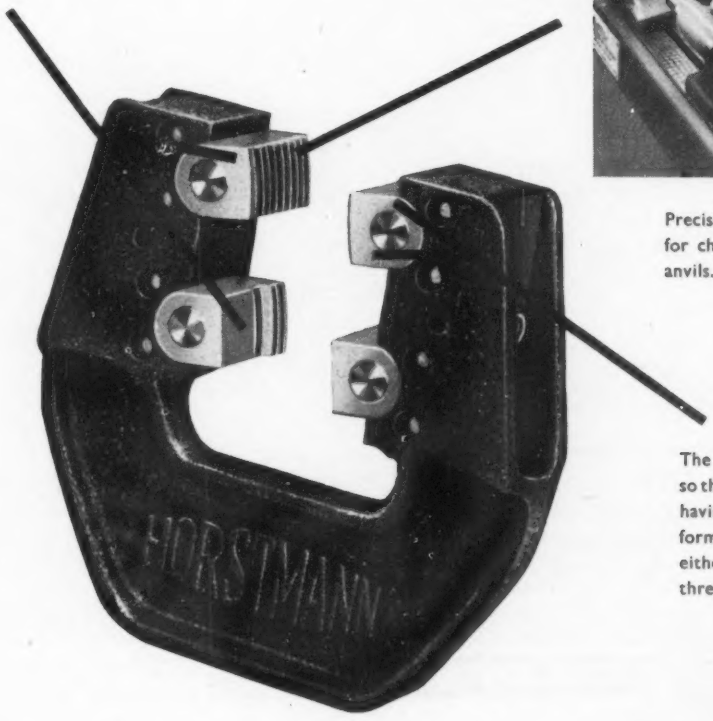

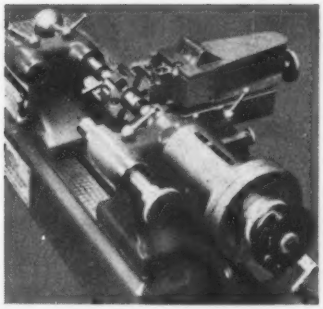

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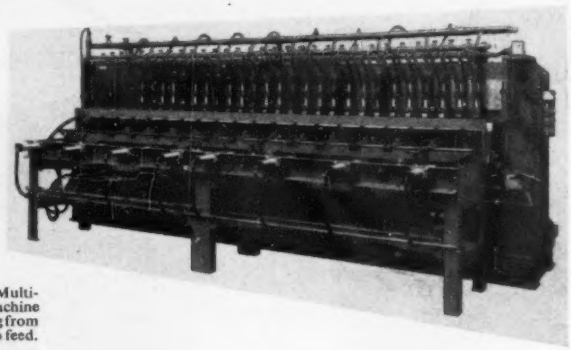

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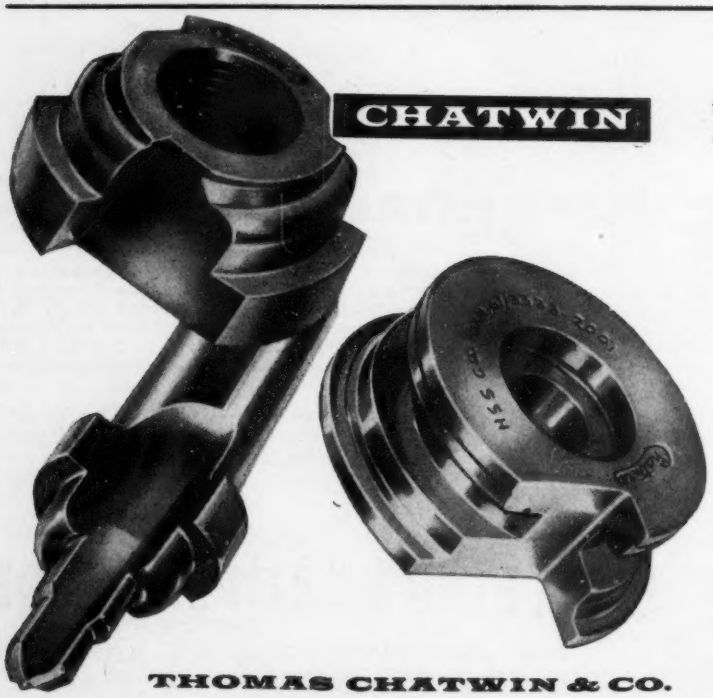

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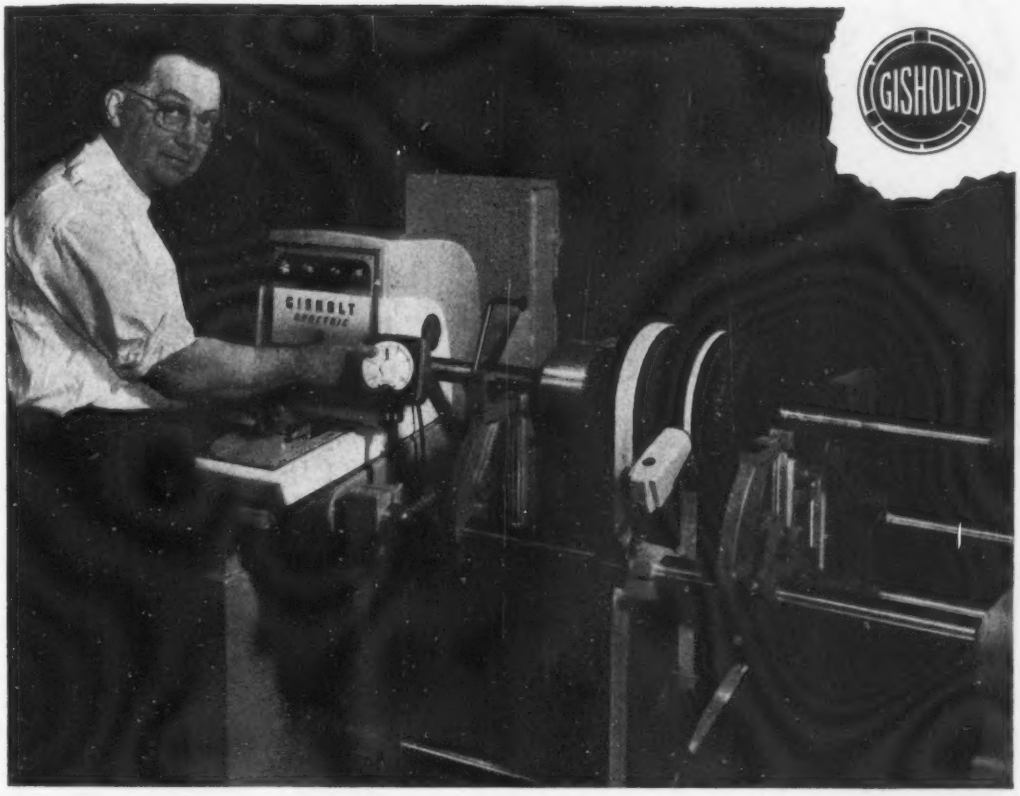

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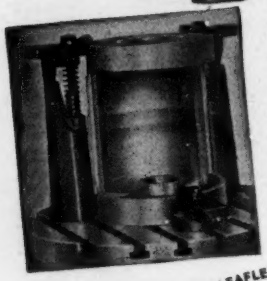

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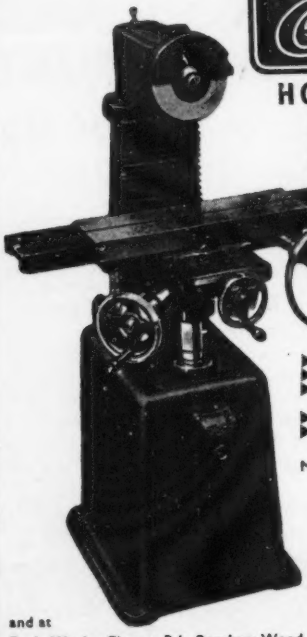

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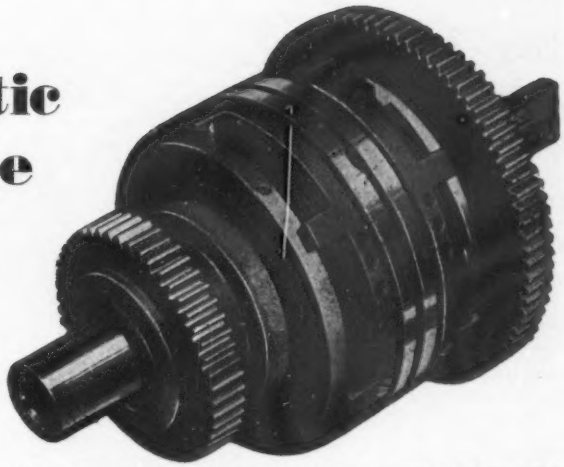

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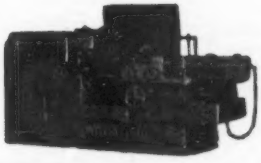

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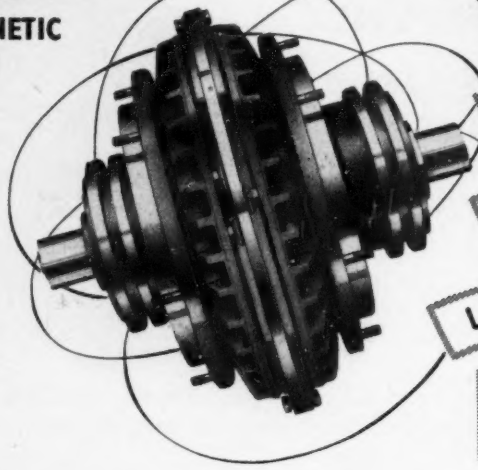

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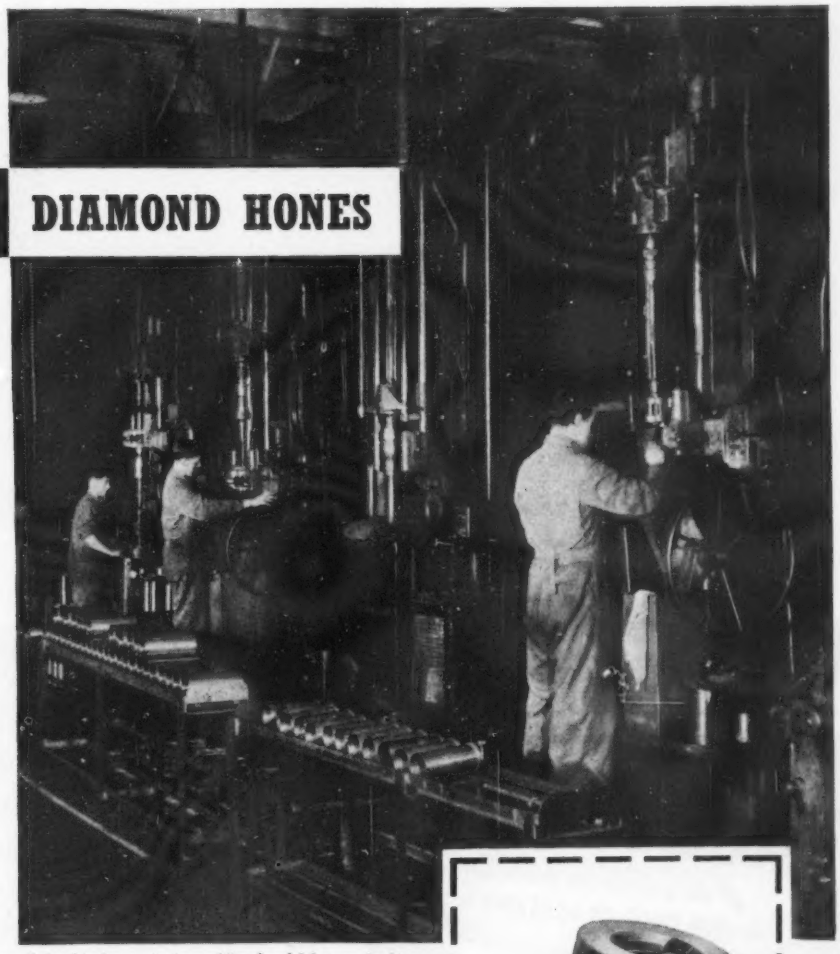

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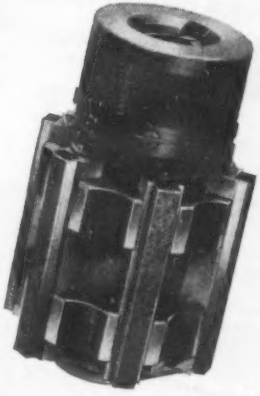

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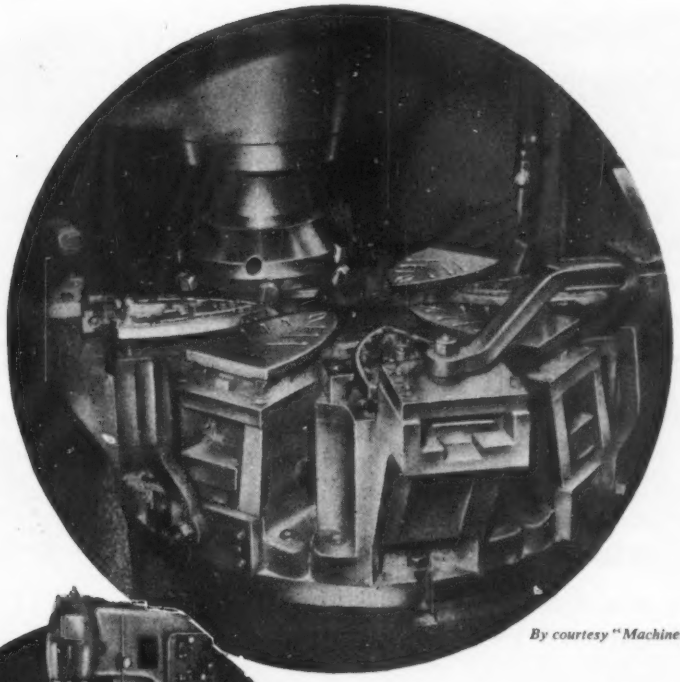

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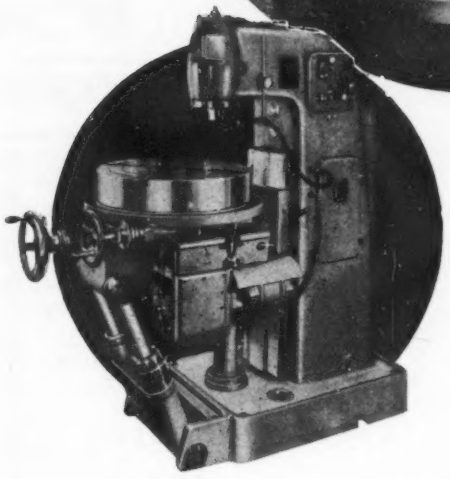

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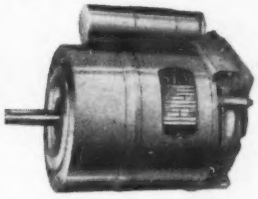

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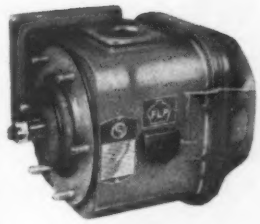

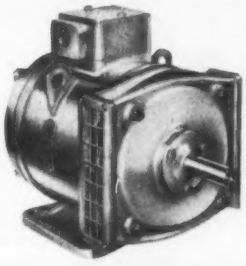

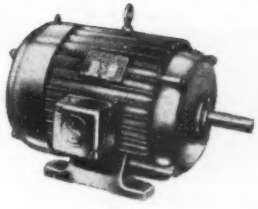

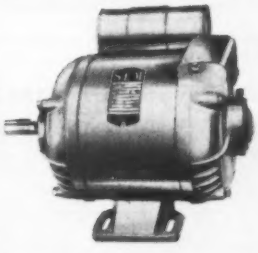

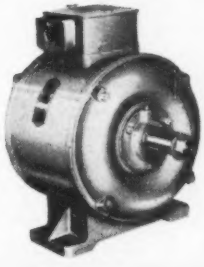

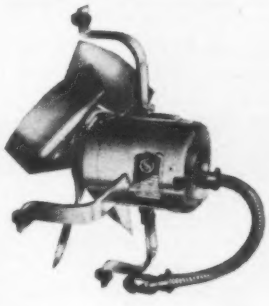

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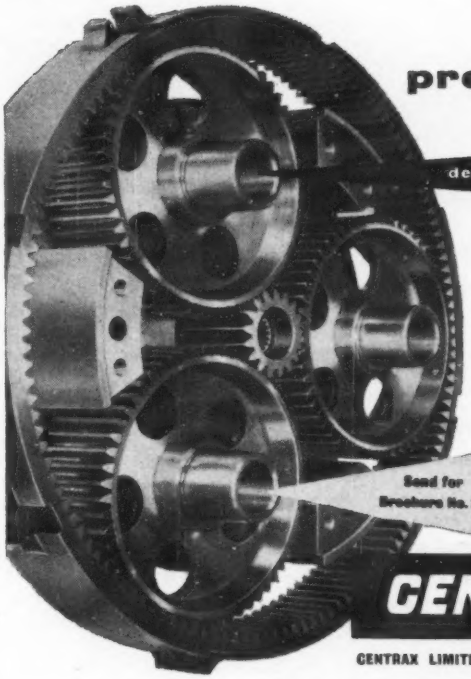

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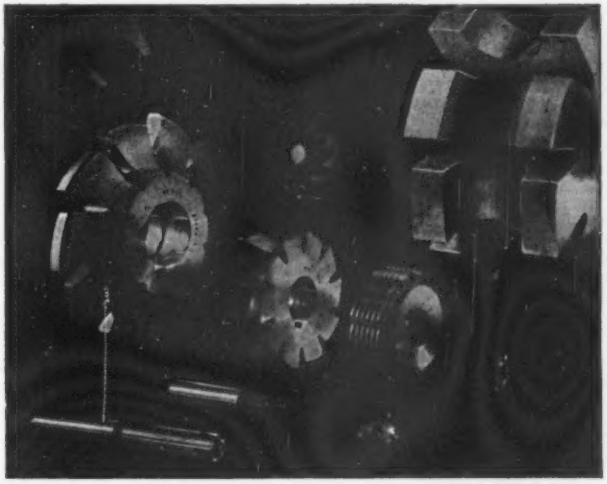

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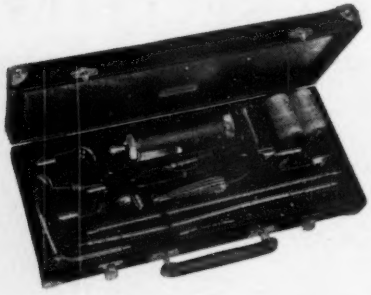

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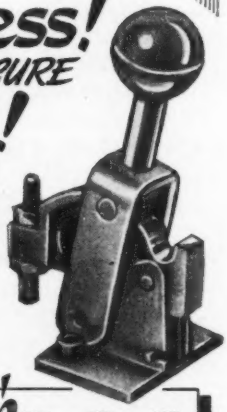

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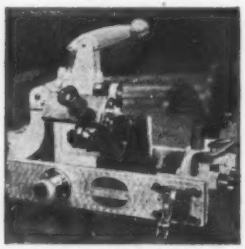

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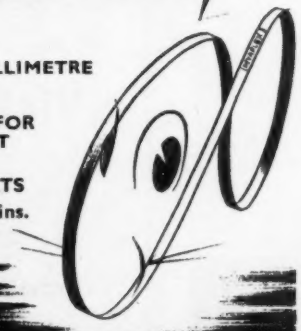

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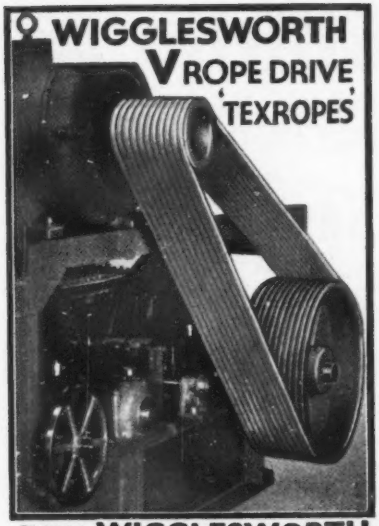

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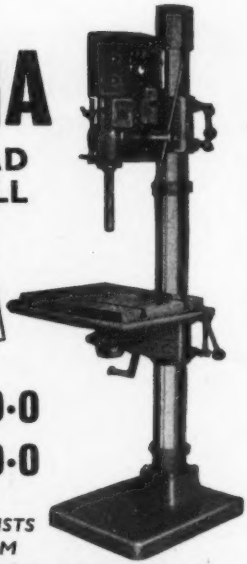

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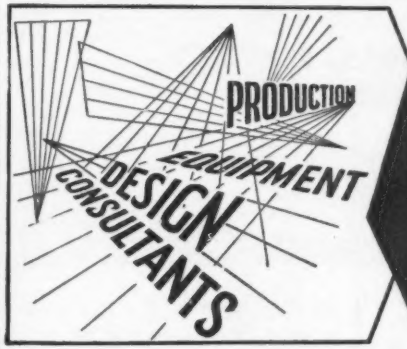

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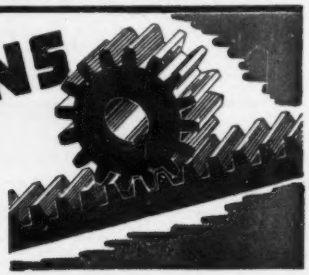

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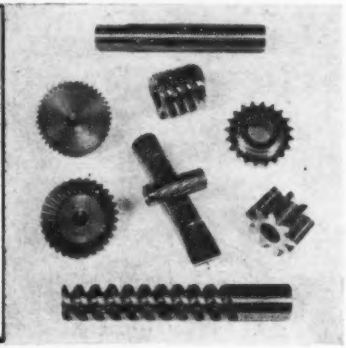

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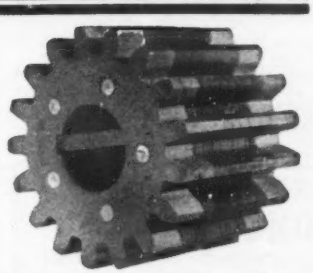

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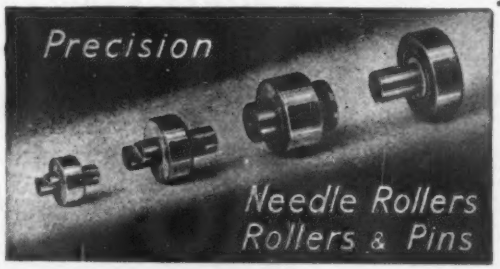

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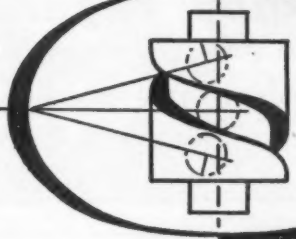

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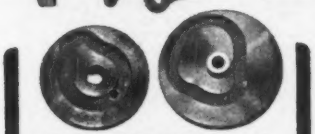

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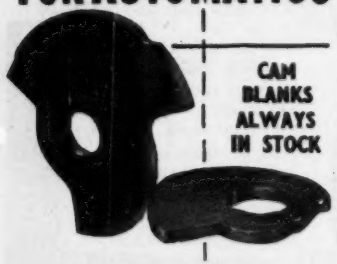

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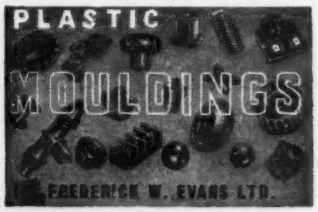

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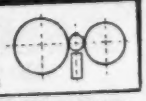

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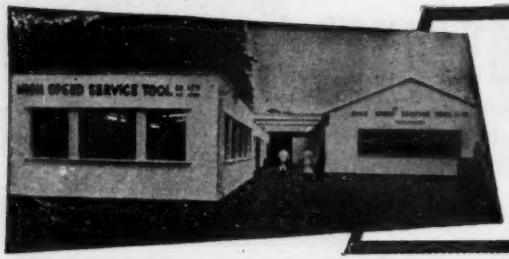

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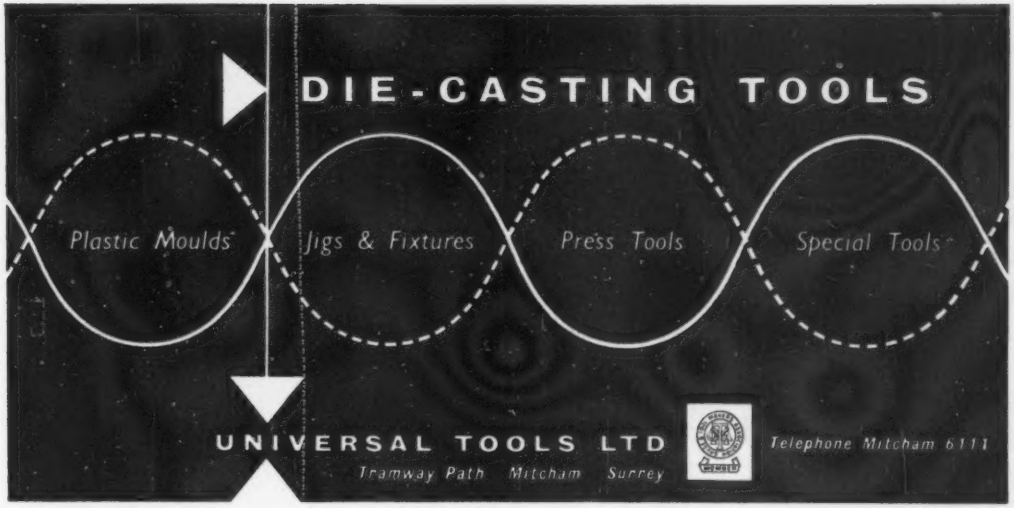

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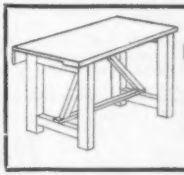

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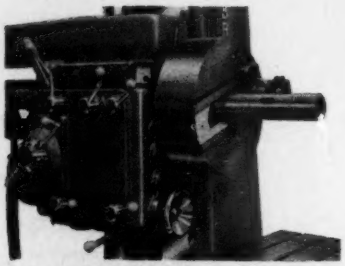

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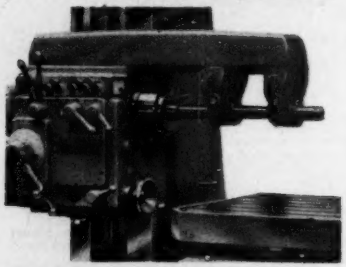

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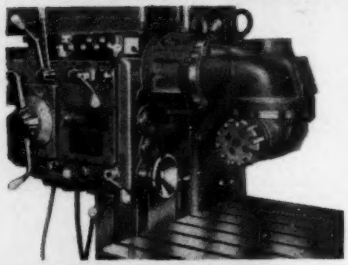

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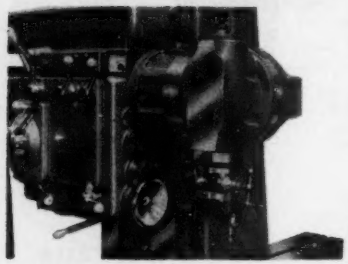

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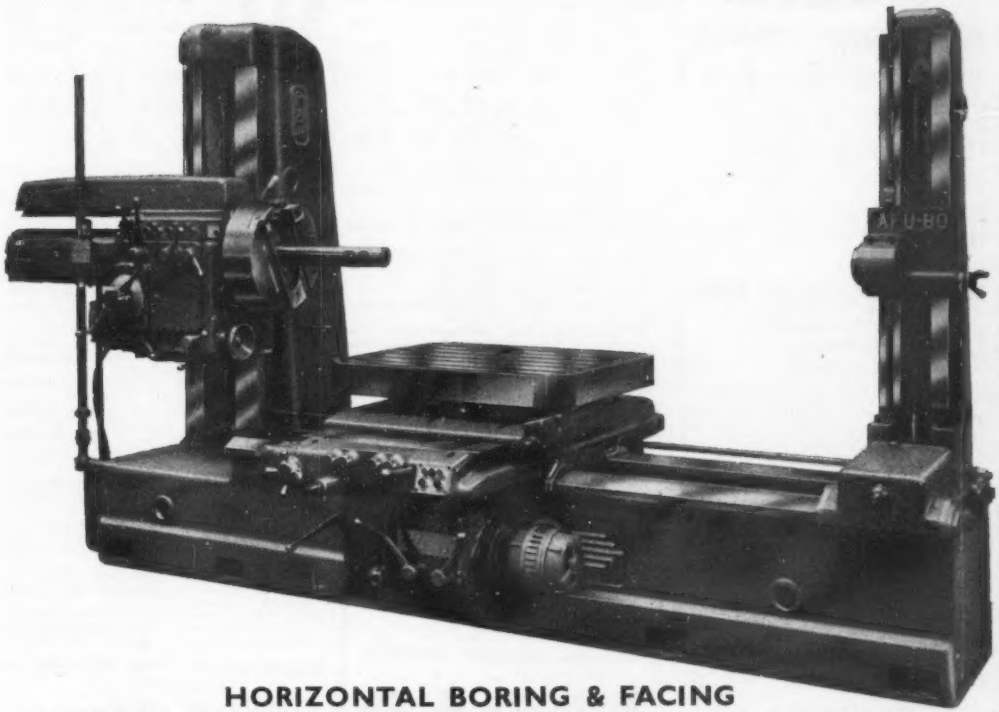

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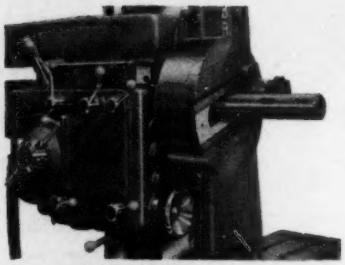

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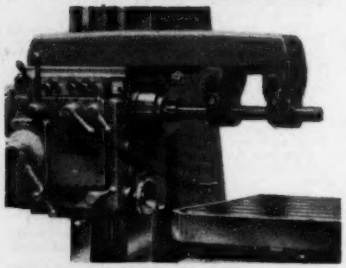

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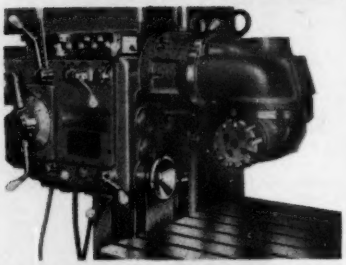

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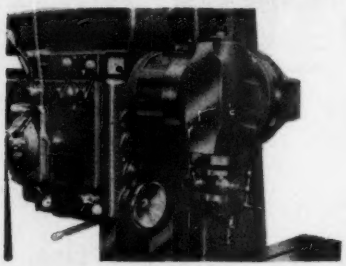

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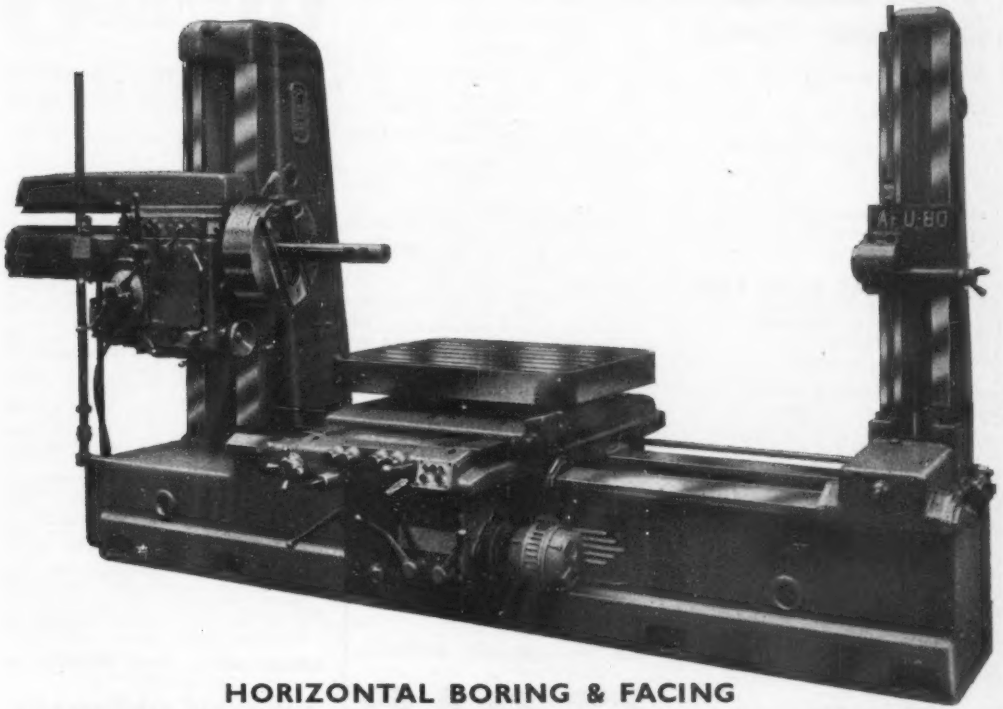

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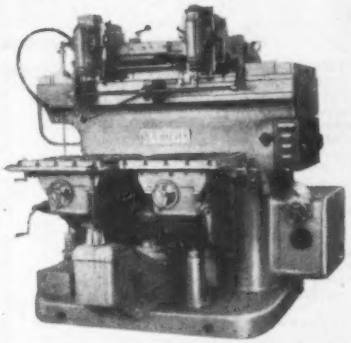

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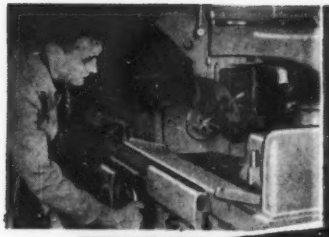

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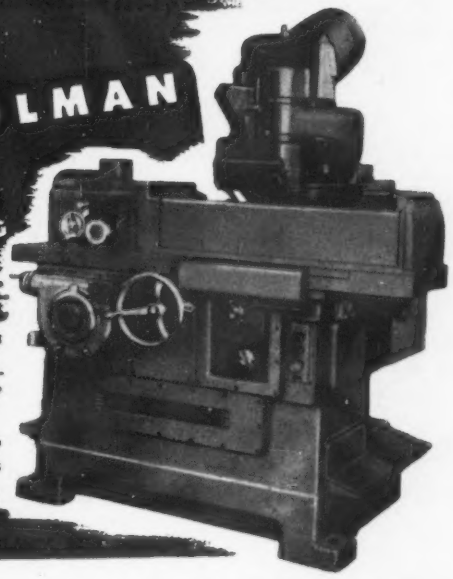

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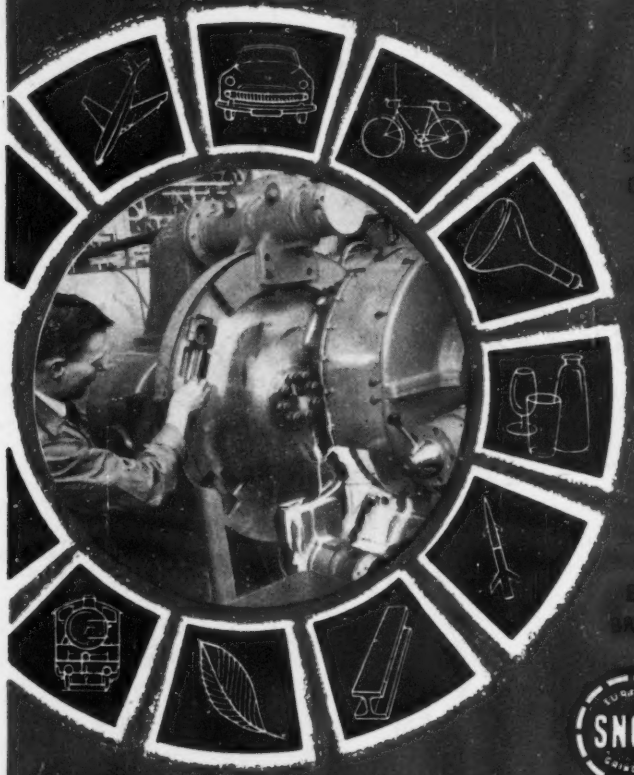

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